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FROM

Amconsul MBABANE

DATE: June 30, 1968

SUBJECT

Reaction to Kennedy's Death

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ENCLOSURE

16 JUN 1968

TO: Department of State

FROM: Amconsul MBABANE

SUBJECT: Reaction to Kennedy's Death

REF:

The public reaction to Senator Robert KENNEDY'S assassination has been compounded of grief and bewilderment. Most phone calls and written expressions of sympathy have almost invariably ended with a sense of utter hopelessness in attempting to progress in the modern world when the leaders of the greatest country in the world are shot down in full public view.

To many, the assassinations in the United States over the last years are robbing them of an ideal. The workability of a democracy as a political system, sacred to Western thought, is being thrown in doubt. To many Swazis, now being asked to begin with their own experiment in self-rule, these events are rather frightening. Behind all questions concerning the killings there lies the question, "Is this what you are asking us to take on?"

To Europeans and the more educated Africans, the lack of gun control laws in the United States is utterly incomprehensible. People in Swaziland can understand the proliferation of guns which exists in the United States because much the same holds true in South Africa. They cannot understand, however, the incapability of the Federal Government to act to control their use. To someone who hasn't ever visited the United States, the diversity of political expression within our political system is difficult to understand.

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Enclosed is the condolence book signed by people from all aspects of Swaziland life. With it are several letters received by the Consulate, including the official sympathies of the Swaziland Parliament. King SOBUZA'S personal message has been cabled previously to the Department.



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ACTION: Amembassy MEXICO CITY

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO ARTURO JAUREGUI, ORIT:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy.
2. QTE The knowledge that your many fellow workers share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Jauregui.
4. Following, FYI, is text of Jauregui's message to the President:

QTE In the name of 28 million workers in America please accept our condolences on the death of Robert F. Kennedy a great American citizen and a true friend of the working people of the world STOP His spirit and ideals will live on. Arturo Jauregui General Secretario ORIT. UNQTE

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 28, 1968

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Attention MULLET T
Keep this study together.

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MEMORANDUM FOR

BENJAMIN READ

Director

Executive Secretariat

Attached is our reply to a letter of
condolence to the family of Senator
Robert F. Kennedy from the Associacao
dos Funcionarios Publicos do Estado de
Sao Paulo in Brazil. Would you please
have our reply sent by pouch to the
Consulate General in Sao Paulo for
information and dispatch?

Thanks.

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Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 28, 1968

Dear Mr. Borges:

I just wanted to assure you that your letter has been received and forwarded to the family of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

With the President's appreciation for the thoughtfulness of the Associacao dos Funcionarios Publicos do Estado de Sao Paulo at this time of sorrow.

Sincerely,



Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Christovam Benedicto Borges
Presidente do Conselho
Associacao dos Funcionarios
Publicos do Estado de Sao Paulo
Rua Formosa, 367
16. Andar
Caixa Postal, 4369
Sao Paulo, Brazil

do Estado de São Paulo

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São Paulo, 11 de junho de 1.968.

Excelentíssima Senhora:

O Conselho Deliberativo da Associação dos Funcionários Públicos do Estado de São Paulo, tem a honra de expressar-lhe, e a todos os membros da ilustre família Kennedy, os sentimentos de profundo pesar pelo infausto passamento do preclaro Senador da República Norte Americana, Robert Francis Kennedy.

Robert Kennedy, a exemplo do saudoso Presidente Kennedy, representou a melhor expressão dos sentimentos cristãos do grande povo americano, seu profundo humanismo, seus anseios de liberdade e democracia, reavivando, com bravura moral, e autenticidade, as luminosas tradições dessa grande nação que nos brasileiros tanto admiramos.

Tombou um mártir das liberdades humanas, mas, a sua bandeira de luz tremulara nos ceus americanos como um símbolo eterno de fraternidade humana, de entendimento entre os povos, de liberdade, justiça e democracia !

Os grandes homens, como o Senador Robert Kennedy não morrem: vivem a eternidade do seu ideal, principalmente do grande ideal de Paz Universal !

Queira, portanto, Senhora, receber a solidariedade de todos os membros da Associação dos Funcionários Públicos do Estado de São Paulo, na grande dor que a atingiu e feriu a sensibilidade cristã de toda a humanidade.

Respeitosamente,

CHRISTOVAM BENEDICTO BORGES

Presidente do Conselho Deliberativo

Excelentíssima Senhora
ETHEL KENNEDY
Casa Branca
Estados Unidos da América do Norte

The Speaker's Rooms
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

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Honorable William B. Macomber, Jr.
Assistant Secretary for
Congressional Relations
Department of State
Washington, D. C. 20520

ACTION: *Epp*
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

AB-100 I have for acknowledgment your letter of
June 26, 1968 transmitting to the Congress the con-
dolences of the Embassy of Peru on the death of
Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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TO : Department of State

INFO : ROME (2)

FROM : Amconsul MILAN

DATE: June 28, 1968

SUBJECT : Milan Mourns the Death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy

REF :

During the week of June 5, residents of Milan mourned the death of Senator Robert Kennedy with religious and commemorative services and expressed their condolence in numerous letters, telegrams and phone calls to USIS and the Consulate General. In addition, well over 2000 visitors signed the Consulate General's book of condolence. These signatures are attached as enclosure No. 1 to this airgram.

Immediately following the death, masses were celebrated at the Church of San Vito in Pasquirolo and the Church of San Gioachino in honor of Senator Kennedy and a memorial service was held at the Anglican Church of All Saints on June 8. The Associazione Giovanile Cattolica Milanese celebrated a special mass on the evening of June 11 at the Church of SS Trinita' under the auspices of Cardinal Colombo. On June 12, the International School of Milan also held a commemorative program. In addition to these services, the three major trade unions authorized a five minute work stoppage on the morning of June 7 in honor of Senator Kennedy.

The Consulate General received approximately 50 telegrams and 50 letters and notes of condolence. Particularly touching were numerous letters written by students in Milan schools. Attached as enclosure No. 2 are letters addressed directly to the Kennedy family in care of the Consulate General.

Enclosures: *act*

1. Signatures *act*
2. Letters addressed to the Kennedy family.

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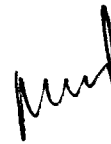
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Shock and sympathy were typical of the reaction from Milan's four major newspapers (Corriere della Sera, Corriere d'Informazione, La Notte, Il Giorno). For several days following the assassination, national developments were relegated to the inside pages as Milan's dailies devoted front page coverage almost exclusively to the death and funeral of Senator Kennedy.

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Origin

ACTION: Amembassy, PANAMA

Info:

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1. Following is translation of message from Max Delvalle to President on death Senator Kennedy.

QTE The tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has deeply moved my country. He symbolized in the United States the noblest efforts to transform life and the world for the good of mankind. For that reason we believe that the grief of the United States will indeed arouse deep sorrow throughout the world. With sincere sentiments of high consideration, I remain, respectfully yours,

Max Delvalle UNQTE

2. We believe written acknowledgment not rpt not desirable. However, if Embassy concurs, suggest Ambassador orally express gratitude to Delvalle for message.

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ARA - Miss Eltz S/S - Mr. Houdek
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FOR P/DONNELLY

1. AP CORRESPONDENT WARSAW FILING PIECE JUNE 27 CONCERNING EMBASSY'S RECENT EFFORT PLACE PAID ADVERTISEMENT IN FIVE WARSAW DAILIES THANKING POLISH PUBLIC ON BEHALF KENNEDY FAMILY FOR ITS MANY EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY AFTER SENATOR'S DEATH. AP LEARNED OF THIS EFFORT IN COURSE OF PLACING AD OF HIS OWN LOOKING FOR NEW LIVING QUARTERS. HIS STORY WILL CITE RELIABLE SOURCE FOR DETAILS, ADDING THESE LATER CONFIRMED WITH EMBASSY.

2. DETAILS ARE THESE: EMBASSY JUNE 10 TELEPHONED TRYBUNA LUDU, ZYCIE WARSZAWY, EXPRESS WIECZORNY, SZTANDAR MŁODYCH AND DZIENNIK LUDOWY ASKING IF AD COULD BE ACCEPTED. ALL REPLIED AFFIRMATIVELY, AND COPY DELIVERED ALL FIVE SAME DAY. TWO PAPERS ASKED ADVANCE PAYMENT.

3. AD HAS NOT APPEARED ANY NEWSPAPER. ZYCIE CALLED BACK JUNE 11 TO SAY AD "IMPROPER" AND COULD NOT BE ACCEPTED. LATER, SZTANDAR MŁODYCH RETURNED ADVANCE PAYMENT WITHOUT COMMENT AND EXPRESS ADVISED AD UNACCEPTABLE DUE SMALL SIZE OF NEWSPAPER AND FACT IT DOES NOT PUBLISH DEATH OR SIMILAR NOTICES. TRYBUNA SAID WILL PUBLISH "WITHIN ABOUT A MONTH." NO FURTHER WORD FROM DZIENNIK LUDOWY. NEITHER OF LATTER HAD ASKED FOR ADVANCE PAYMENT, AND ALL

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ACTION: AmEmbassy NAIROBI

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1. Tom Mboya sent following telegram to Mrs. Ethel Kennedy
June 6: Quote Tragic death of Senator Kennedy is a painful loss
to all freedom loving people in the world. We share with you
your grief and pray that God may give you the strength needed
at this hour. Unquote
2. Ambassador requested acknowledge receipt message and express
appropriate sentiments of appreciation on Mrs. Kennedy's behalf.

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TO : Department of State

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FROM : Amembassy OSLO

DATE: June 27, 1968

SUBJECT : Condolence Book for Senator Robert F. Kennedy

REF : A-643

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Transmitted herewith is a book of signatures gathered at the United States Information Office at Tromsø, Norway in memory of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. A list of officials and community leaders whose signatures are among those in the book also is enclosed.

The Embassy's condolence book was transmitted under cover of the referenced airgram.

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Enclosure:
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TO : Department of State

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FROM : Amembassy BELGRADE

DATE: June 27, 1968

SUBJECT: Yugoslavs Pay Tribute To Senator Kennedy.

REF :

Throughout Yugoslavia people mourned the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. In letters and telegrams and in personal visits to the Embassy during the period June 7-14 the people, from Federal Executive Council President Mika Spiljak and other high government officials, church leaders, and professional and cultural personalities to ordinary workers, housewives and students, sent expressions of sympathy and sorrow. President TITO sent a personal message of condolences to the Kennedy family and Milentije POPOVIC, President of the Federal Assembly, also sent a more formal message to Vice-President Hubert HUMPHREY.

The accompanying book of condolences reflects in some measure their warm feelings of compassion for Robert Kennedy and his bereaved family. The Department may wish to consider forwarding the book to the Kennedy family along with a copy of the airgram.

People thronged in front of USIS display windows in Belgrade and Zagreb to gaze in silent but poignant tribute before blown-up pictures of the man many of them feelingly referred to as "Bobby" Kennedy. In Zagreb, capital of Croatia, they lit candles on the sidewalk in front of the USIS reading room, and several young girls touchingly affixed flowers to the windows exhibiting pictures of Senator Kennedy.

A special funeral mass was held in St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church in Belgrade on Sunday afternoon, June 9. Archbishop Gabriel Bukatko of Belgrade officiated. The eulogy was given in English by Father Mirko POLGAR of St. Peter's. The church was crowded with over 500 persons; many stood through the hour-long service. Among those who attended were

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the Assistant Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs Radivoj Uvalic and numerous members of the Diplomatic Corps and Embassy staff.

Embassy officers reported that many Yugoslavs whom they knew, sometimes only slightly, got in touch with them to express their condolences. One officer, while visiting the Macedonian frontier town of Bitolj, near Greece, found himself frequently stopped by strangers who recognized him as an American and wanted to express their feelings about Senator Kennedy's death.

When the book of condolences ("Knjiga Zalosti") was opened in a room off the Embassy's lobby on the morning of June 7, people began to stream in. Many were ordinary working men who had laid aside their tools to come and painstakingly write brief words of tribute to the dead American. One man apologetically asked an Embassy officer, who was taking his turn in receiving visitors, for help in writing his name in the book.

On both Friday, June 7, and Saturday, June 8, queues of people, some carrying babies, stood quietly and patiently waiting to inscribe their names in the book and to pen a tribute to the late Senator. Among the visitors were Federal Executive President Mika Spiljak, Serbian Executive Council President Djurica JOJKIC, and First Army Commander Colonel General Pero KOSOVIC. State Secretary for Foreign Affairs Marko NIKEZIC was out of town, but Deputy State Secretary Miso PAVICEVIC signed the book in the former's stead on the first morning after the Senator's death was announced.

A large number of the members of the Diplomatic Corps, including most Ambassadors, also came to the Embassy to pay their tribute to Robert Kennedy.

All the following week people from Belgrade and from nearby towns and villages still continued to come to the Embassy to sign the book of condolences, to give their simple tribute to Senator Kennedy and, sometimes, to give remembrance to the late President John F. Kennedy.

One man wrote (in Serbian): "I will always remember this wonderful and noble-hearted man who died fighting for peace in the world. I express herewith my sympathy to the Embassy as well as to the family of the assassinated Senator. Dragoman Radojkovic."

Veljko MICUNOVIC, former Yugoslav Ambassador to Washington, and his wife, both visibly moved, also came in to sign the book. Both had known Senator Kennedy personally. Only the day before Mr. Micunovic, who is now Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of Parliament, had sent a letter to Senator Kennedy. In the book Mr. Micunovic wrote: "I express my deep and sincere sympathy to the family of Robert F. Kennedy as well as to the American people who have lost one of their great leaders in the struggle for the friendship among the nations, for peace in the world and for the progress of mankind. We in Yugoslavia and other countries have lost enormously through the death of Robert F. Kennedy."

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His Holiness, the Patriarch of the Serbian Orthodox Church, GERMAN, wrote: "Deeply touched by the tragic death of a generous man, a great patriot of the United States, Robert Kennedy, we extend our sincere sympathy to the Kennedy family as well as to the whole U. S. nation."

The universal feeling of sympathy and sorrow of the Yugoslav people was summed up in the words of Professor Zivojin Simovic, who enscribed in the book of condolences the following: "I firmly believe that many generations of our school students, studying the history of the people of the United States, will remember with respect the brothers John and Robert Kennedy who fell in the struggle for the humanism and dignity of man while continuing the work of Jefferson and Lincoln."

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1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO EX-CHANCELLOR ERHARD:

QTE Dear Mr. Chancellor:

I was touched by your message of condolence on the ~~xxxxx~~ by death of Senator Kennedy and your hopes for peace which, as you know, I share. Kind thoughts from old friends are especially welcome on such sad occasions.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE

2. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Erhard.

3. Following, FYI, is English text of ex-Chancellor Erhard's message to the President:

QTE Dear Mr. President,

My esteemed friend,

It was with great pleasure that I received the photo album. The pictures will always remind me, in grateful remembrance

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Clearances: EUR - Mr. Beaudry
White House - Mr. Fried
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and appreciation, of the many meetings and talks which I had the pleasure and honor of having with you.

I fulfill a sad duty when I express to you, the President of the United States, my sincere condolences on the cruel death of Senator Kennedy. May your country be spared from further disturbances and may you succeed in bringing about peace in Vietnam while still in office.

With deep respect and cordial regards, I am,

Yours truly,

Ludwig Erhard UNQTE

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our recommendation (Ruth Booth
to jmj, 6/27/68)

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

June 26, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Copies To:
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Subject: Message to the President from Panamanian
First Vice President Max Delvalle on the
Death of Senator Kennedy

Panamanian First Vice President Max Delvalle has sent the President the enclosed message of condolences on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Delvalle was proclaimed Constitutional President of Panama in March 1968 when the opposition-controlled National Assembly tried unsuccessfully to remove President Marco Robles. Although Robles has remained in office and in control of the Government, Delvalle has never formally relinquished his claim to be the legitimate President.

As a high-ranking government official (his status as First Vice President is unchallenged) and a prominent member of the opposition group that won the May 1968 elections, Delvalle would merit a reply. However, the confusion surrounding his claim on the Presidency and the sensitivities of the various Panamanian political factions argue against any written message. Accordingly, we recommend that our Ambassador in Panama be instructed to acknowledge orally receipt of Delvalle's message. A suggested telegram of instructions to Embassy Panama is enclosed for your approval.

Enclosures:

1. Suggested reply
2. Incoming message from
Max Delvalle dated June 6

Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

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ARA - Miss Eltz
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Suggested Telegram to Embassy Panama

Following is translation of message from Max Delvalle to President on death Senator Kennedy.

QTE The tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has deeply moved my country. He symbolized in the United States the noblest efforts to transform life and the world for the good of mankind. For that reason we believe that the grief of the United States will indeed arouse deep sorrow throughout the world. With sincere sentiments of high consideration, I remain, respectfully yours,

Max Delvalle UNQTE

We believe written acknowledgment not rpt not desirable. However, if Embassy concurs, suggest Ambassador ^{ORALLY} express gratitude to Delvalle for message.

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Post 6-1-68 Kennedy, June 1, 1968

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THE HONORABLE LYNDON B. JOHNSON

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS DEEPLY MOVED
MY COUNTRY. HE SYMBOLIZED IN THE UNITED STATES THE NOBLEST
EFFORTS TO TRANSFORM LIFE AND THE WORLD FOR THE GOOD OF MAN-
KIND. FOR THAT REASON WE BELIEVE THAT THE GRIEF OF THE UNITED
STATES WILL INDEED AROUSE DEEP SORROW THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.
WITH SINCERE SENTIMENTS OF HIGH CONSIDERATION, I REMAIN,
RESPECTFULLY YOURS,

MAX DELVALLE

*6-22-65
Panama
Max Delvalle*

Mr. Dwight D. Johnson
Washington

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EXCELENTISIMO SENOR LYNDON B JOHNSON PRESIDENTE DE LOS
ESTADOS UNIDOS DE NORTE AMERICA CASA BLANCA WASHINGTONDC
LA TRAGICA DESAPARICION DEL SENADOR ROBERTO F. KENNEDY HA
CONMOVIDO PROFUNDAMENTE EN MI PATRIA EL SIMBOLIZABA EN
ESTADOS UNIDOS LOS MAS NOBLES EMPENOS POR TRANSFORMAR LA
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TO ~~ARA - Miss Roberson~~

DATE June 17, 1968

SUBJECT

Tel. to the President from Max Delvalle, 6/6/68, re tragic death of Senator Kennedy

Prepare a Read to _____

memo enclosing or containing:

_____ Draft reply for President's signature.

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_____ Memo for use as enclosure to reply by White House.

_____ Comment or recommendation.

Direct reply:

_____ Furnish information copy under cover of a Read to _____ memo.

_____ Comeback copy required for S/S.

XXX Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling:

_____ Furnish information copy of reply, if any, under cover of a Read to _____ memo.

_____ Refer to White House request of _____.

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_____ Due in S/S by _____.

NOTES

1. White House referrals must be answered within 48 hours unless otherwise noted. If deadline cannot be met, inform S/S immediately at extension given below.
2. Direct replies to White House mail must be signed at the Assistant or Acting Assistant Secretary level.
3. Unless otherwise noted, direct replies, depending upon the addressee of the incoming letter, must begin: "The President has asked me to reply" or "Mr. _____ has asked me to reply".
4. Basic correspondence should be returned when draft reply, memorandum or comment or comeback copy for the White House is requested.

REMARKS

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The Secretary of State presents his compliments to His Excellency the Ambassador of Laos and has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of his kind note of condolence of June 7, 1968, on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The sympathy expressed by the Royal Government of Laos is deeply appreciated and has been conveyed to the bereaved Kennedy family.

POL 6-2 US/KENNEDY, ROBERT F.

Department of State,

Washington

June 26, 1968

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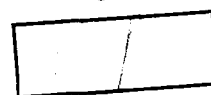
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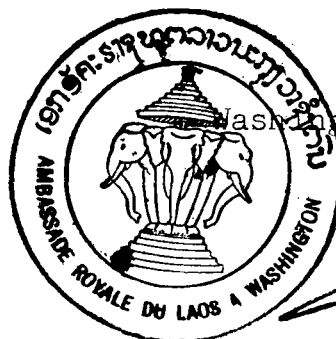
The Ambassador of Laos presents his compliments to The Honorable the Secretary of State and wishes to express the deep regret of the Royal Government of Laos at the untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The people of Laos share the grief and sorrow of the people of the United States in the tragic loss of this dedicated young leader, who is yet another victim of the terrible violence of these times.

On this sad occasion, it would be greatly appreciated if the Secretary of State could convey the sympathy and condolences of the Royal Government of Laos to the bereaved Kennedy family.

The Ambassador of Laos avails himself of this opportunity to renew to The Honorable the Secretary of State the assurances of his highest consideration.

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Washington, June 7, 1968

The Honorable
The Secretary of State
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June 26, 1968

Senator Haysen
Grand Master
Grand Lodge of Peru
Lima, Peru

Dear Senator Haysen;

On behalf of the President I would like to thank you for your kind words of condolence on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The sympathy expressed by the Grand Lodge of Peru is much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Lawrence H. Berlin
Acting Director
Office of Ecuadorian-
Peruvian Affairs

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TO: PRESIDENT JOHNSON, THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

I OFFER CONDOLENCES ON THE TRAGIC DEATH OF THE EMINENT CITIZEN,
ROBERT KENNEDY, IN THE NAME OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PERU.

SENATOR HEYSEN, GRAND MASTER

*Pol 6-2 US/ Kennedy,
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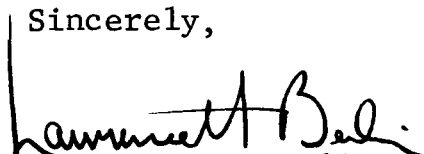
June 26, 1968

Mr. Bueno Tizon
President
National Press Association
Lima, Peru

Dear Mr. Tizon:

On behalf of the President I would like to thank you for your kind words of sympathy on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The sentiment expressed by the National Press Association is much appreciated.

Sincerely,


Lawrence H. Berlin
Acting Director
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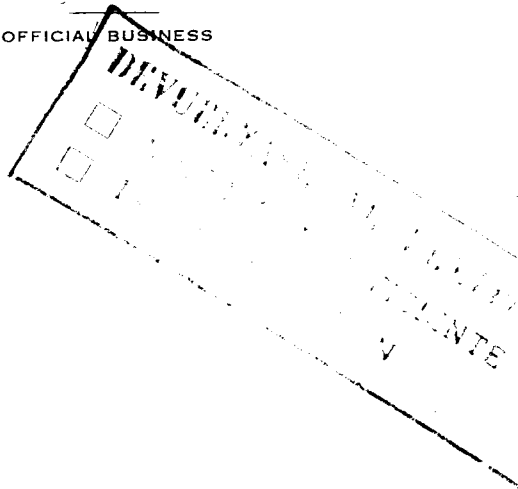
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TO : Department of State

INFO: QUEBEC CITY

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FROM : Amembassy OTTAWA

DATE: June 26, 1968

SUBJECT: Response to Telegram to the President from Quebec
Premier Johnson

REF : STATE 184338 of June 17, 1968

EUR/CAN

As suggested in the telegram under reference, the Embassy instructed Quebec City Consul General Cunningham to respond to the telegram of condolence on Senator Kennedy's death addressed by Quebec Premier Daniel Johnson to the President, received at the White House on June 8.

A copy of Consul General Cunningham's response, dated June 19, is attached (see enclosure).

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Enclosure:

Copy of Consul General
Cunningham's letter of
June 19, 1968 to Premier
Johnson of Quebec

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Encl. to
A-1432 from
Ottawa

Québec 4, Qué.

June 19, 1968

The Honorable Daniel Johnson
Premier of Québec,
Québec.

Dear Mr. Premier:

I have been instructed by my Ambassador to write to you to acknowledge your very sympathetic message to the President on the tragic death of Senator Robert Kennedy. Your message of condolence has been conveyed to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

Your expression of sympathy in the name of the people and the Government of Quebec is deeply appreciated by the President and by us all.

Sincerely yours,



Francis Cunningham
Consul General of the United States

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TO : Department of State
 (Office of Congressional Relations)

FROM : Amembassy BRIDGETOWN

DATE: June 26, 1968

SUBJECT: Senator Kennedy's Death: Messages of Condolence

REF : CA-24, June 20, 1968

Transmitted herewith for forwarding to the Kennedy family are the following:

1. Tape of radio address given by Deputy Prime Minister J. Cameron Tudor. Mimeographed copies of the address were transmitted to the Department under cover of A-190 dated June 17, 1968. *H*
2. Letter of condolence and copy of music entitled "Robert Kennedy," written by Barbadian composer Archibald Alleyne, Jr., Government Hill, St. Michael, Barbados.

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June 26, 1968

Mr. Bueno Tizon
President
National Press Association
Lima, Peru

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Sincerely,

Lawrence H. Berlin
Acting Director
Office of Hemisphere-
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The White House
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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

ASOCIACION NACIONAL PERIODISTAS PERU EPLORA HAONDAMNENTE

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BUENO TIZON PRESIDENTE.

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THE PRESIDENT
THE WHITE HOUSE

THE NATIONAL PRESS ASSOCIATION OF PERU DEEPLY DEPLORES THE
DEATH OF ROBERT KENNEDY AND HOPES THAT THE CRIMINAL WILL BE GIVEN
MAXIMUM PUNISHMENT.

BUENO TIZON, PRESIDENT

*Pol 6-245/Kennedy
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June 19, 1968

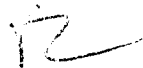
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Your expression of sympathy in the name of the people and the Government of Quebec is deeply appreciated by the President and by us all.

Sincerely yours,



Francis Cunningham
Consul General of the United States

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The Honorable
Hubert H. Humphrey
President of the Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

JUNE 26, 1968

Dear Mr. President:

The Embassy of Peru has asked that the Department of State convey to the Senate its condolences on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The text of the note from the Embassy follows:

"The Embassy of Peru presents its compliments to the Department of State and has the honor to request that its expressions of profound condolences and sympathy on the demise of Senator Robert F. Kennedy be kindly conveyed to the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America.

"The tragic death of Senator Kennedy is not only mourned in this country, but as representing the the loss of a leader of exceptional values, his assassination is deeply felt all over the world.

"Although the Government of Peru was officially represented by Ambassador Carlos Mackenzie, Permanent Representative to the United Nations, at the religious services of St. Patrick's Cathedral and also at the funeral ceremony in Arlington Cemetery, this Embassy wishes to extend to the Congress of the United States its message of deep sorrow at the demise of one of its most distinguished members in tribute and honor to whom the Peruvian flag has been flown at half mast."

I have also sent the text of this note to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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Respectfully,

William B. Macomber, Jr.
Assistant Secretary for
Congressional Relations

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Washington, D. C. 20510

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Assistant Secretary for
Congressional Relations

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The Honorable
John W. McCormack, Speaker
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

JUNE 26, 1968

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Sincerely yours,

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William B. Macomber, Jr.
Assistant Secretary for
Congressional Relations

Pol 6-2 US/Kennedy
Robert F.

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House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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June 25, 1968

Excellency:

I have the honor to thank you for your thoughtful
note of condolence on the tragic death of Senator Robert F.
Kennedy. Your expression of sympathy, both personal
and in behalf of the Government and people of Colombia,
is deeply appreciated.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my
highest consideration.

For the Secretary of State,:

Robert M. Sayce

Pol 6-2 US/Kennedy, Robert F.

His Excellency

Dr. Maruan Echavarria ,

Ambassador of Colombia .

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Excellency:

On behalf of the Government and people of Colombia and in my own I wish to convey to Your Excellency and to the Government and people of the United States, the most sincere expression of condolence on the untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Senator Kennedy, one of your outstanding public servants, was well known and admired throughout the free world. His loss will be much felt in Colombia, as well as in all Latin America, where his warm friendship towards our people was much appreciated.

I avail myself of the opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

Hernan Echavarria
Hernan Echavarria
Ambassador of Colombia

His Excellency
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Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

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TO: USIA WASHINGTON
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SUBJECT: Senator Kennedy Death

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SUMMARY: EMBASSY PARTICIPATED IN MEMORIAL ACTIVITIES FOLLOWING SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH, WHICH CAUSED SHOCK AND SADNESS THROUGHOUT COLOMBIA. AMBASSADOR REYNOLD E. CARLSON ATTENDED TWO MEMORIAL SERVICES, TWICE MADE PUBLIC DECLARATIONS ON BEHALF OF U.S. U.S. INFORMATION SERVICE PROVIDED ABUNDANT PRESS, FILM AND RADIO MATERIALS TO MEDIA.

The death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy produced an outpouring of sincere grief and sympathy in the press and public here. More than 1000 persons signed their names in two condolence books, placed in the Chancery lobby and in the Ambassador's residence, and over three hundred more wrote letters of condolence.

Memorial church services were held all over Colombia, and Ambassador Reynold E. Carlson and members of his staff attended three such services in Bogotá, at two of which the Ambassador briefly spoke. The most impressive of these was on June 9 at Ciudad Kennedy, where a memorial mass was celebrated on the steps of the church before a throng estimated at 10,000 gathered in the plaza. The others were a mass at the English Speaking Chaplaincy on June 8, and services at the Downtown Presbyterian Church on Wednesday June 12.

The Ambassador twice made statements for the media, on June 5, while hopes remained for Senator Kennedy's survival, and on June 6, after he died. These declarations appeared in most Colombian newspapers, were broadcast by the two television stations, and by all major radio networks. A brief statement was also given out by Mrs. Carlson in response to requests by women's editors of the local press.

During the period of mourning a photographic display of highlights of Senator Kennedy's career was placed in the Chancery lobby, and the flag

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FROM USIS-Bogotá

hookup with some 150 stations to an estimated 10 million Colombians. Every network in Colombia, as well as several influential, high-wattage individual stations, shared in this connection, beginning at 7 a.m. Wednesday, June 5, and continuing through Sunday, June 9, during VOA's broadcast hours. Supplementing VOA Spanish broadcasts, USIS Bogotá also prepared and broadcast through the hookup a taped biography of Senator Kennedy, as well as the declarations of the Ambassador, and, for individual networks, three special programs on Senator Kennedy.

TV, FILMS.- In addition to films of Ambassador Carlson's two declarations, broadcast over the nation's two TV channels, USIS prepared two TV specials relating to the assassination--a review of Senator Kennedy's career, on June 7, and a portrait of Ethel Kennedy, on June 11, both on the national TV channel. Both of these programs depended pictorially on the artistic use of still photographs. Later, TV and newsreel film arrived from USIA in Washington; these were all placed. They totalled eight news clips for TV, and four 35mm clips for theaters. Two of the clips were given to Novedades, a newsfilm agency with 250 theaters across the country; and two, to Pan American, which services newsreels to a similar number of theaters.

The numerous letters and telegrams received by the Embassy are being answered; as of this date they are still being received. On June 24, the Governor of Cundinamarca delivered to Ambassador Carlson a copy of his Decree of June 6, directing flags to be flown at half mast for three days at all public buildings of the department, as well as expressing condolences to the Government and people of the United States and to the Kennedy family. This Decree, as well as the condolence books and a selection of the letters and telegrams of sympathy will be sent later to the Department for possible forwarding to the Kennedy family, unless the Department indicates to the contrary. Newspaper clippings to date about Senator Kennedy's death have also been assembled and will be forward at that time.


Edmund R. Murphy
Public Affairs Officer

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

Approved as is ~~by~~ Mr. Bowdler
by Alice Caubet, 6/29/68:mf
Sent 4:37 p.m. 6/29/68

June 25, 1968

(Mexico 194018)

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Attention MRS. HANSETT
Keep this study together.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Message to the President on the Death
of Senator Kennedy

In response to the telegram of June 8 from Mr.
Arturo Jauregui, Secretary-General of ORIT, the
Department recommends that the standard format of
reply be slightly altered in order to take into
account the sender's position as Secretary-General
of a multinational labor confederation.

A suggested reply is enclosed and the original
correspondence is returned for your files.

Samuel H. Read
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Suggested reply.
2. Telegram from Arturo Jauregui,
dated June 8, 1968

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SUGGESTED MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO ARTURO JAUREGUI,
SECRETARY-GENERAL, ORIT

The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy.

The knowledge that your many fellow workers share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

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2. QTE The knowledge that your many fellow workers share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Jauregui.
4. Following, FYI, is text of Jauregui's message to the President:

QTE In the name of 23 million workers in America please accept our condolences on the death of Robert F. Kennedy a great American citizen and a true friend of the working people of the world STOP His spirit and ideals will live on. Arturo Jauregui General Secretario ORIT. UNQTE

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→ Mr. Walsh

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Washington, D.C. 20520

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June 25, 1968

Cleared by White House (FRIED) with one
change per Alice Caubet to Helen Brown 6/26/68

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Kennedy Death--FRG Ex-Chancellor
Erhard's Letter of Condolence to
the President

Cable sent 6/26/68
7:45 pm
by mlf
Tel sent 6/27
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In reply to Mr. Smith's request of June 17, I
enclose ex-FRG Chancellor Erhard's letter to the
President of June 8, 1968 sending his condolences
on the death of Senator Kennedy, thanking the President
for a souvenir photo album, and wishing the President
success in his quest for peace in Viet-Nam.

The President has seen ex-Chancellor Erhard on
several occasions since his departure from office in
November 1966, the last time in March of this year,
when the President gave a luncheon for him at the
White House. In view of the friendly personal relations
between the President and the former Chancellor, I would
recommend a personal reply from the President. A
suggested text is enclosed.

Samuel H. Read
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Ex-Chancellor Erhard's letter
to the President.
2. Suggested reply.

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Clearances: GER - Mr. Johnpoll
EUR - MR. BENJAMIN H. READ
S/S -

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Professor Dr. Ludwig Erhard

Bonn, June 8, 1968

Dear Mr. President,

My esteemed friend,

It was with great pleasure that I received the photo album. The pictures will always remind me, in grateful remembrance and appreciation, of the many meetings and talks which I had the pleasure and honor of having with you.

I fulfill a sad duty when I express to you, the President of the United States, my sincere condolences on the cruel death of Senator Kennedy. May your country be spared from further disturbances and may you succeed in bringing about peace in Vietnam while still in office.

With deep respect and cordial regards, I am,

Yours truly,

[Signature]

His Excellency
President of the United States of America,
Lyndon B. Johnson,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.

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CONTROL NO. *4/24*

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S/S 9096 *7/17*

TO EUR - Mr. Suchman

DATE 6/21/68

SUBJECT Memo fm WH:SMTH to S/S for action re condolence message on the death of Senator Kennedy fm ERHARD, also expresses thanks for the picture album sent by Pres. Johnson.

XXXXX Prepare a Read to ROSTOW

memo enclosing or containing:

_____ Draft reply for President's signature.

_____ Draft reply for signature by _____.

_____ Memo for use as enclosure to reply by White House.

XXXXX Comment or recommendation.

_____ Direct reply:

_____ Furnish information copy under cover of a Read to _____ memo.

_____ Comeback copy required for S/S.

_____ Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling:

_____ Furnish information copy of reply, if any, under cover of a Read to _____ memo.

XXXXX Refer to White House request of Mr. Smith of 6/17.

_____ FYI

XXXXX Due in S/S by Mon June 25.

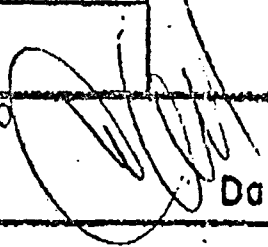
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REMARKS

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William Shepard
Secretariat Staff
Ext. 5130

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FROM: <u>BROMLEY SMITH</u>		DESCRIPTION AND COMMENT: MAY WE HAVE A TRANSLATION AND RECOMMENDED REPLY - IF APPROPRIATE <u>BKS</u>	
TO: <u>SG BEN READ</u>			
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Bonn, den 8. Juni 1968

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Sehr verehrter Herr Präsident,
mein hoch geschätzter Freund !

Mit der Übersendung des Fotoalbums haben Sie mir eine ganz große Freude bereitet. Die Bilder werden mich immer in dankbarer Erinnerung und Verbundenheit der vielen Begegnungen und Gespräche gedenken lassen, die ich das Glück und die Ehre hatte, mit Ihnen führen zu dürfen.

Ich erfülle eine traurige Pflicht, wenn ich Ihnen, dem Präsidenten der Vereinigten Staaten, zu dem grausamen Tod von Senator Kennedy mein herzliches Beileid ausspreche. Möge Ihr Land von weiteren Wirren verschont bleiben und möge es Ihnen gelingen, noch während Ihrer Amtszeit den Frieden in Vietnam einzuleiten.

Mit besonderer Wertschätzung und herzlichen Grüßen bin ich, Herr Präsident,

Ihr ergebener

Willy Brandt

S.E.
dem Präsidenten
der Vereinigten Staaten von Amerika
Herrn Lyndon B. Johnson
The White House
Washington D.C.

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1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO EX-CHANCELLOR ERHARD:

QTE Dear Mr. Chancellor:

I was touched by your message of condolence on the cruel death of Senator Kennedy and, your hopes for peace which, as you know, I share. Kind thoughts from old friends are especially welcome on such sad occasions.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE

2. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Erhard.

3. Following, FYI, is English text of ex-Chancellor Erhard's message to the President:

QTE Dear Mr. President,

My esteemed friend,

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With deep respect and cordial regards, I am,

Yours truly,

Ludwig Erhard UNQTE

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Suggested Reply

Dear Mr. Chancellor:

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Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

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The Department of State has received the kind
note of June 6, 1968, from the Embassy of the Dominican
Republic conveying the condolences of the Government
and the Embassy on the death of Senator Robert F.
Kennedy. Note has been taken that the President of the
Dominican Republic has decreed an official day of
mourning and that the Dominican flag has been flown at
half mast in tribute to his memory.

The Department of State appreciates the Embassy's
words of sympathy on the death of Senator Kennedy.

Department of State,

Washington

June 25, 1968

Clearances: ARA/CAR-Mr. Green
S/CPR-Mr. Abell (draft)
S/S-Mrs. Denham

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La Embajada de la Republica Dominicana saluda muy atentamente al Departamento de Estado de los Estados Unidos y tiene el honor de manifestarle el pesar que embarga al Gobierno de la Republica Dominicana y a los miembros de esta Mision con motivo del tragico fallecimiento del Senador Robert F. Kennedy.

El Presidente de la Republica, Doctor Joaquin Balaguer, ha decretado duelo oficial el dia 8 del presente mes y el pabellon de la Republica Dominicana se ha mantenido a media asta como tributo de duelo en memoria del ilustre legislador fallecido.

La Embajada de la Republica Dominicana hace provecho de esta oportunidad para reiterar al Departamento de Estado su mas distinguida consideracion.

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*Ack. 6/20/68
Ara/CAF - RT Booth*

*Pol. 6/20/68
KENNEDY, ROBERT F.*

[Handwritten signature]
Departamento de Estado
Washington, D. C.

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EMBASSY OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
WASHINGTON

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June 6, 1968

The Embassy of the Dominican Republic presents its compliments to the Department of State of the United States and has the honor to convey to it the condolences of the Government of the Dominican Republic and of the members of this Mission over the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

The President of the Republic, Dr. Joaquín Balaguer, has decreed an official day of mourning on June 8 and the flag of the Dominican Republic will be flown at half mast in tribute to the memory of the illustrious legislator.

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6-14-68 The Embassy of the Dominican Republic avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of State the assurances of its most distinguished consideration.

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Department of State,
Washington, D.C.

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ACTION: Amembassy MEXICO

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1. Please pass following message from President to Senator Manuel Aguirre President Gran Comision:

QUOTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my appreciation for your deepest sympathy.

The knowledge that your colleagues and countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

Lyndon B. Johnson UNQUOTE

2. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Senator Aguirre.

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Drafted by:
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ARA/MEX - Mr. Myers

Clearances:

ARA - Miss Eltz

S/S - Mr. ~~XXXXX~~ Brown

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3. Following, FYI, is text of Aguirre's message to the President:

QUOTE El Senado de la Republica Mexicana suplica a usted recibir la expresion de su mas profunda condolencia por la muerte del Senor Senador Robert F. Kennedy acaecida en las tragicas circunstancias que lamentamos hondamente UNQUOTE

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TO : DEPARTMENT OF STATE

FROM : Amembassy CANBERRA

DATE: June 24, 1968

SUBJECT: Condolence Messages Regarding the Death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy

REF :

Messages of condolence addressed to the Embassy regarding the death of Senator Robert Kennedy are enclosed, along with carbons of the Charge's replies. You may wish to forward them to the Kennedy family.

There are also a number of unopened letters addressed directly to members of the Kennedy family. We would appreciate your forwarding these.

Additional messages of condolence being forwarded to the Embassy by consulates will be transmitted.

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TO : Department of State

FROM : Embassy BANGKOK

DATE: June 26, 1968

SUBJECT: Condolence Book - Senator Robert F. Kennedy

REF

The Embassy is forwarding herewith the Robert F. Kennedy condolence book for transmission to his family.

Condolence books were placed in the lobby of the Embassy and the Ambassador's residence from 11:00 a.m., Friday, June 7 through Sunday, June 9, where they were available to those who wished to pay their respects to Senator Kennedy in this way.

Several memorial services were held in Bangkok. The more important ones were a Mass celebrated by the Apostolic Delegate at the Holy Redeemer Church and a Service at the Christ Memorial Church, Bangkok.

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1 Enclosure: Condolence Book - Senator Kennedy

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Drafted by: ADMIN:JW Jordan/mer/mph 6/18/68

Contents and Classification Approved by: ADMIN: Karl D. Ackerman

Clearances:

RS/R

June 24, 1968

The Very Reverend George J. Dacopoulos
Chancellor
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of
North and South America
10 East 79th Street
New York, New York 10021

Dear Reverend Dacopoulos:

President Johnson has asked that I reply to your letter of June 11 in which, at His Holiness, Archbishop Iakovos' direction, you conveyed the condolences of His Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras I at the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

We are thankful for His Holiness' thoughtful message. His Holiness' sympathy at this time of national sorrow is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

H. Daniel Brewster
Country Director for Greece

S/S control No. 8711

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TO NEA - Mr. Scotese

DATE 6/17/68

SUBJECT Ltr to Pres from BACOPULOS dtd 6/11/68 re enclosure of tel fm Patriarch ATHENAGORAS I re death of Senator Kennedy. Transferal memo from WH by SMITH.

Prepare a Read to _____
memo enclosing or containing:
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signature.
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REMARKS

COPIES TO:

H - Mr. Briggs (w/att)

Robert G. Houdek
Secretariat Staff
Ext. 4154

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TO ~~S/CPR - XXX Mr. King~~

5/5-mr. Houdek

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SUBJECT Ltr
~~MEMO~~ to Pres. from BACOPULOS dtd 6/11/68 re enclosure of tel

fm Patriarch ATHENAGORAS I re death of Senator RF Kennedy. Transferral

memo from WH by SMITH.

Prepare a Read to

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Draft reply for President's
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June 11, 1968

The President, Lyndon B. Johnson
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

At His Eminence, Archbishop Iakovos' direction,
I have the honour to convey the following translation of a
telegram received from His Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch
Athenagoras I, in Istanbul, Turkey.

"You are requested to represent us at the funeral
of the late Robert Francis Kennedy, and convey to President
Johnson and the late Senator's wife, parents and family the
following message: ' Most shocked at tragic death of out-
standing man, Robert F. Kennedy, we espress our deepest
sympathy, and share in the great tragedy, which has befallen
you. We pray that the Lord will rest his soul. Ecumenical
Patriarch Athenagoras I. ' "

Faithfully,

Very Rev. George J. Bacopulos
CHANCELLOR

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of
North and South America

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 13, 1968

TO: S.S. Mr. Ben Read

FROM: Bromley Smith

For your direct reply.

Re: Condolence on
death of Sen. Robert
Kennedy

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Robert F.

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TO : Department of State

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FROM : Amembassy HELSINKI

DATE: June 22, 1968

SUBJECT: Embassy Book of Condolence on the Death of Senator Robert Kennedy

REF :

Following the news of the death of Senator Robert KENNEDY on June 6, the Embassy placed a book of condolence in the Embassy reception room and announced through the press and radio that Finnish Government officials and diplomatic representatives were welcome to sign the book.

Prime Minister Mauno KOIVISTO and the Secretary General of the Foreign Office, Jorma VANAMO, were the first to sign the book on June 6. They were followed by the majority of the Chiefs of Diplomatic Missions in Helsinki and other diplomatic representatives, a wide range of Finnish Government officials, Members of Parliament, and representatives of religious, cultural, athletic, educational, political, youth and student organizations.

The Embassy also received a considerable number of messages of condolence from a broad spectrum of the Finnish people. Karl-Erik FORSSELL, the Bishop of the Porvoo Diocese, requested on behalf of the Swedish-language congregation in Finland that his letter be forwarded to Mrs. Ethel Kennedy. The Bishop's letter and an English translation are enclosed. It is requested that this letter and the Embassy's book of condolence be sent to Mrs. Robert Kennedy.

Enclosures

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ACTION: Amembassy QUITO

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1. Following is text of message to President Johnson from
Minister of Health Dr. Guillermo Molina DeFranc: QUOTE

The President
The White House
Washington

A nombre pueblo Ecuatoriano Excmo reciba usted el
sentimiento de intimo pesar por la muerte prematura
del Senador Robert Kennedy. Atte.

Dr. Guillermo Molina DeFranc
Minister of Public Health
of Ecuador

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2. Request Chargé make appropriate acknowledgment on behalf
of President in manner deemed appropriate.

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Clearances:

ARA - Miss Eltz
S/CPR - Mr. Abell (subs)

S/S - Mr. ~~Parker~~

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO GOVERNOR GENERAL:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F.

Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On

behalf of the people of the United States, I express my

deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE

2. QTE The knowledge that you share our grief is a source

of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your

message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE

3. White House does not plan to release message, but has

no objection to release by the Governor General.

4. Following, FYI, is text of the Governor General's

message to the President:

QTE The Governor General and people of Jamaica

mourn the tragic death of Senator Robert

Kennedy and beg to convey to the President

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of the United States of America, Mrs. Kennedy,
members of their family and all the United
States of America our sincere condolence in
this cruel and wanton assassination of the
Senator. UNQTE

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ACTION: Amembassy KINGSTON

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F.

Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On

behalf of the people of the United States, I express my

deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy and your

presence at the burial services. UNQTE

2. QTE The knowledge that you share our grief is a source

of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your

message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE

3. White House does not plan to release message, but has

no objection to release by Prime Minister.

4. Following, FYI, is text of the Prime Minister's message

to the President:

QTE All Jamaica profoundly shocked at news of

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attempted assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy.

The Government and people of Jamaica send you
their deepest sympathy and pray for his recovery.

Grateful if sincere condolences be conveyed to
Mrs. Kennedy and family on our behalf. UNQTE

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ACTION: Amembassy KINGSTON

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO SIR ALEXANDER BUSTAMANTE:

1. QTE On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your kind message of sympathy on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. UNQTE
2. QTE As you have requested, I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Sir Alexander Bustamante.
4. Following, FYI, is text of Sir Alexander Bustamante's message to the President:

QTE I am shocked and horrified at the tragic news of the shooting of Senator Robert Kennedy.

This is another blot on civilization. I extend to you, the people of the U.S.A. and the Kennedy

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savagery continues. UNQTE

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TO : Department of State

INFO : RAWALPINDI

FROM : AmConGen DACCA

DATE: June 21, 1968

SUBJECT: Transmittal of East Pakistan Assembly Message of Condolence to Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy

REF : A-331 Dacca

Attached is the Message of Condolence mentioned in referenced airgram from the East Pakistan Assembly which was received by the Consulate General for transmittal to Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy. The message is the text of the Speaker's remarks of June 7, 1968.

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Enclosure No. 1: Message of Condolence (to Washington only)

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Presidential Reply to Message
from Sir Alexander Bustamante
on Death of Senator Kennedy

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If the White House approved draft Presidential message were used in response to a message from Sir Alexander Bustamante, it would be identical to one also being sent to Jamaica's Governor General. To avoid possible embarrassment should the two Presidential messages be compared, the Department recommends slight changes in the message to Bustamante to give it a personal touch. A proposed reply is enclosed.

James Walker
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

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Enclosures:

1. Message from Sir Alexander Bustamante
2. Suggested Presidential Reply

S/S *Robert F. Kennedy*
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"I am shocked and horrified at the tragic news of the shooting of Senator Robert Kennedy. This is another blot on civilization. I extend to you, the people of the U.S.A. and the Kennedy family my deepest sympathy. It is a shame such savagery continues."

Message Received from American Embassy Kingston from
Sir Alexander Bustamante.

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SUGGESTED PRESIDENTIAL REPLY

"On behalf of the people of the United States,
I express my deepest appreciation for your kind message
of sympathy on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

As you have requested, I shall transmit your
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family.

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Lyndon B. Johnson"

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HANDLING INDICATOR

TO : Department of State

Info : Amembassy ROME (POL, USIS, CSCO)

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DATE: June 21, 1968

FROM : Amconsul FLORENCE

SUBJECT: Memorial Observances in Florence for Senator Robert F. Kennedy

REF :

book sent

SUMMARY

The grief of the American and Italian community of Florence over the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy was expressed in memorial services, signatures in a book of condolence, a flood of telegrams and letters, and extensive newspaper coverage.

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The following expressions of mourning for Senator Robert F. Kennedy took place in Florence during the period June 6-15, 1968:

1. A requiem mass, with large attendance was held at the St. James' American Episcopal Church, by the Reverend John Tederstrom, Priest-in-Charge, assisted by the Reverend George Church, Rector of St. Mark's Anglican Church.

2. A memorial service was also held with large attendance at the St. James' American Church on Sunday, June 9. During the service, the American Consul General in Florence, Joseph C. Wheeler, made the remarks enclosed as Attachment 1.

3. A book of condolences was started at the Consulate, and has been signed by over 1,000 people, including those attending the services noted above. The book is enclosed for forwarding to the Kennedy family, as appropriate.

4. More than one hundred telegrams and letters have been received and acknowledged by the Consulate.

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5. On June 7, the employees of the museums and galleries and other public offices observed five minutes of silence in memory of Senator Kennedy. Employees of numerous private establishments did the same. In one case, the management forbade this and the workers promptly went on strike for two hours.

6. On June 11, 1968, a requiem mass was held under the sponsorship of the Mayor and the city government at the Catholic church, Orsanmichele. The church was full, and among the many authorities present were Avvocato Luciano BAUSI, Mayor of Florence, Eccellenza Manfredi De BERNART, Prefect of Florence, Eccellenza Generale Massimo De PALMA, Commandant of the Tosco-Emiliana Military District, numerous Consuls of other countries, the American Consul General and the staff of the Consulate. During the course of the service, a choral group of Americans sang "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "America".

Following the mass, the City Council devoted the first part of a special session to the memory of Senator Kennedy. Excerpts from the Mayor's remarks, and the original text, are enclosed as Attachment 2.

7. We are aware of memorial services held in San Gimignano, San Marino. Undoubtedly there were many others in the Florence Consular District.

8. The press devoted much space to the tragic event and the various dailies like "La Nazione", "il Resto del Carlino" and "Il Telegrafo" carried detailed descriptions of the reactions which took place in the main centers of Tuscany and Emilia Romagna. The Florence editions of the two socialist papers "Avanti" and "Il Lavoro" devoted prominent space to the event. The best article, however, is the editorial by Enrico MATTEI in "La Nazione" on June 9, in which the writer put in perspective the figure of the two brothers, John and Robert Kennedy.


WHEELER

Attachments: 1 and 2 as stated in text.



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Summary of Remarks

Attachment 2.
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of

(Attorney) Luciano Bausi, Mayor of Florence

On the Death of Robert Kennedy

City Council Meeting, June 11, 1968

The Mayor began by saying that blood had been shed on the path of those who march toward freedom and peace, and Robert F. Kennedy was the last victim.

Bausi recalled the friendly ties which bind Florence to the Kennedy family for the open hand offered by them at the time of the flood in November, 1966, and that Florence feels an attachment, as the Kennedy brothers did, to the same "new frontiers" to face an historical challenge which could be determining for the destiny of humanity.

Robert Kennedy, continued Bausi, like his brother John, was one of those who advocated a new humanism, "Gaudium et spes" in which man can assume his rightful responsibility toward his brothers and toward history.

Robert Kennedy rejected politics as a small, narrow game of chess, where clever moves and tactical maneuvers frequently become a petty end unto itself. Robert Kennedy, like his brother John, overturned the chess-board and preferred to face the challenge of the years we are living in. He was able to attract the young people of restless America, as he defined, in a very clear manner, the true problems of mankind - misery, racial discrimination, and peace.

Those who die, and by their death cause a renewed faith even in the farthest places of the world, are the ones who make the history of humanity; they are those who pursue a battle which never ends and which is renewed again every day -- the conquest of peace, which is justice, and of freedom, which is also justice. Robert Kennedy was among them. He had moral courage -- the kind of courage which, as he himself said, is rarer than boldness during a battle and rarer than great intelligence, but in any case is essential for every human conquest.

Grief and dismay, however, find their light in hope. Evil and violent forces may temporarily subjugate truth; oppression can suffocate freedom; but in the long run this apparent winner will be defeated.

Remarks of

JOSEPH C. WHEELER
CONSUL GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

at the

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY

read at the

ST. JAMES' AMERICAN CHURCH, FLORENCE, JUNE 9, 1968

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This is the second time within two months that I have stood here to read a Presidential Proclamation after the death, by assassination, of a revered and gifted American leader who dedicated his life to progress and social justice in our country, by peaceful means.

President Johnson spoke for all of us when he said "there are no words equal to the horror of this tragedy", and that "divisiveness and violence must be driven from the hearts of men everywhere".

In too many countries, including our own, voices have been heard in recent years, preaching violence as the only way to achieve political ends. People are being told by extremist leaders that traditional political means are outdated, that fighting the establishment by constitutional means is unacceptable.

This is not to say that this latest act of senseless violence can be blamed on any one of the new anarchistic movements. But it is clear that the theory of violence as a legitimate weapon of political warfare is about the most dangerous phenomenon of our times. Furthermore, these excesses are self-defeating because they cause resistance to urgently needed reforms to achieve civil rights for all, and the elimination of poverty and social injustice from our land -- and may even lead to repressive action from the other extreme end of the political spectrum.

"Those who glorify violence as a form of political action" the President told a student audience last week "are really the best friends the status quo ever had. They inspire among many people a blind allegiance to things as they are -- even when those things should be changed."

It is true that political assassination was not invented in our country or in this age. And we cannot expect security measures to be fully effective in our public life and political campaigns. A candidate, such as Robert Kennedy, who wanted the "feel" and the "touch" of people, and sought close physical contact with crowds every day, can never be fully protected.

Rather, his protection must come from a general realization that violence has no place in our national life.

At the funeral of his slain brother, Senator Edward Kennedy delivered an eulogy to his brother. He said -

"We loved him as a brother and as a father and as a son. From his parents and from his older brothers and sisters, Joe and Kathleen and Jack, he received an inspiration which he passed on to all of us.

"He gave us strength in time of trouble, wisdom in time of uncertainty and sharing in time of happiness. He will always be by our side.

"Love is not an easy feeling to put into words. Nor is loyalty or trust or joy. But he was all of these. He loved life completely and he lived it intensely."

He closed his eulogy by saying -

"My brother need not be idealized or enlarged in death beyond what he was in life. He should be remembered simply as a good and decent man who saw wrong and tried to right it, saw suffering and tried to heal it, saw war and tried to stop it.

"Those of us who loved him and who take him to his rest today pray that what he was to us, and what he wished for others, will some day come to pass for all the world.

"As he said many times, in many parts of this nation, to those he touched and who sought to touch him:

"Some men see things as they are and say why. I dream things that never were and say, why not?"

Following the death of Robert Kennedy, the President issued the following statement:

"This is a time of tragedy and loss. Senator Robert F. Kennedy is dead.

"Robert Kennedy affirmed this country - affirmed the essential decency of its people, their longing for peace, their desire to improve conditions of life for all.

"During his life, he knew far more than his share of personal tragedy, yet he never abandoned his faith in America. He never lost his confidence in the spiritual strength of ordinary men and women. He believed in the capacity of the young for excellence - and in the right of the old and poor to a life of dignity.

"Our public life is diminished by his loss.

"Mrs. Johnson and I extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Kennedy and his family.

"I have issued a proclamation calling upon our nation to observe a day of mourning for Robert Kennedy."

The text of the proclamation is as follows:

"To the people of the United States:

"A noble and compassionate leader, a good and faithful servant of the people, in the full vigor of his promise, lies dead from an assassin's bullet.

"The tragedy and the senseless violence of Robert F. Kennedy's death casts a deep shadow of grief across America and across the world. This is a memento for all Americans to join hands and walk together through this dark night of common anguish into a new dawn of healing unity.

"Now, therefore, I, Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States, do call upon all Americans to observe Sunday next, the ninth day of June, as a day of national mourning in his memory throughout the United States. In our churches, in our homes, and in our hearts let us resolve before God and before each other that the purpose of progress and justice for which Robert F. Kennedy lived shall endure.

"I direct that through Sunday the flag of the United States shall be flown at halfstaff on all buildings, grounds and naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its territories and possessions.

"I also direct that the flag shall be flown at halfstaff for the same length of time at all United States Embassies, Legations, Consular Offices and other facilities abroad including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations.

"In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this sixth day of June, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixtyeight and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and ninety-second.LYNDON B. JOHNSON"

We will now rise for one minute of silent prayer for Robert Kennedy and the Kennedy family.

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ROBERT F. KENNEDY COMMEMORATO DAL SINDACO AVV. BAUSI

AL CONSIGLIO COMUNALE - 11 giugno 1968

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Signori consiglieri,

nel volgere, breve, di poche settimane risuonano in questa sala ancora una volta parole di compianto e di recriminazione per un delitto politico. Anzi non vogliamo usare una terminologia che per la oggettivazione possa quasi ingannevolmente conferire all'atto una sorta di nobiltà ideale; fatto è che un uomo ha ucciso un altro uomo, fatto è che la violenza, ancora una volta, ha bagnato di sangue il sentiero di coloro che, nel mondo, camminano verso la libertà e verso la pace.

Robert Kennedy ne è stata la vittima e sentimenti di affetto, di sgomento, di ribellione si sono alternati e confusi nel nostro cuore, nell'anima stessa della città quando la notizia dell'attentato giunse, attraverso la radio, la mattina del 5 giugno.

L'affetto per i legami cordiali di amicizia che univano ed uniscono a Firenze la famiglia Kennedy; a Firenze che non ha dimenticato e non dimenticherà la amichevole sollecitudine con la quale proprio i Kennedy intervennero a porgerle una mano fraterna nei giorni più oscuri della tragedia del novembre 1966.

A Firenze che ha sempre sentito, quasi per affinità elettiva, il fascino - e l'inquietudine anche - delle "nuove frontiere"; l'ansia che è stata di John e di Robert Kennedy, di un modo diverso e nuovo che il mondo esige da tutti, e dagli uomini politici in particolare, per affrontare una realtà storica di dimensioni inattese, forse risolutive per la sorte stessa dell'umanità.

Ed insieme all'affetto, un senso di sgomento e di rivolta. Sgomento e rivolta per questo incalzare di violenza che avvertiamo agitare troppi popoli, troppe parti del mondo.

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Una violenza brutale che quasi a dimostrare che come Dio esiste, anche il male esiste, sta infierendo proprio nei confronti di coloro che, con maggiore tenacia, hanno, a viso aperto, espresso al mondo, con la loro politica, "quel bisogno di pace e di cose giuste che tutti gli uomini portano nel cuore". Quasi a punteggiare - con i segni del martirio - la strada che non può non condurre - purchè si abbia il coraggio e la forza di rinnovarci nello spirito - ad approdare veramente ed alla pace ed alle cose giuste.

Robert Kennedy, come il fratello John, è stato tra gli uomini che hanno riproposto - e vanno riproponendo - al mondo un umano nuovo - Gaudium et spes - in cui l'uomo si definisce anzitutto per la sua responsabilità verso i suoi fratelli e verso la storia. La sua politica ha rifiutato di essere una piccola, angusta partita di scacchi fatta di astutissime mosse dove il giuoco della manovra tattica è spesso squallidamente fine a se stesso. Egli, dopo il fratello John, ha rovesciato come una ventata impetuosa la scacchiera ed i pezzi preferendo affrontare, senza falsi pietismi che spesso sono solo espressioni di viltà o considerazioni di tornaconto personale, la realtà degli anni in cui viviamo. Per questo egli ha saputo trascinare con sé molti giovani della America inquieta; per aver proposto, non nell'abituale linguaggio di gergo politico - dove importante sembra divenuto solo il modo di non far capire con esattezza ciò che si intende dire, nello studio insonne di trovar formule che possano esprimere tutto ed il suo contrario - per avere proposto, dicevo, in termini chiari i problemi veri dell'uomo, la miseria, la discriminazione, la pace. Senza timore di muovere e sconvolgere forze immense che proprio dalla persistenza di tali problemi attingono spesso il motivo del proprio potere; quelle forze che continuano a giuocare agli scacchi, chiusi nelle loro stanze ove non arriva, forse, che l'eco affievolita delle grida di speranza di una moltitudine immensa.

Per questo Robert Kennedy seppe dare, particolarmente ai giovani, una speranza nuova: da due dei suoi discorsi ci sembra di

aver tratto quel che può essere il suo testamento ideale; non solo, ma la indicazione anche per noi, per i nostri problemi, per una valutazione diversa dei fermenti che, irrisolti, si muovono anche nei nostri cuori: "Un secolo fa - egli ha scritto - Lincoln osservò che i dogmi di un tranquillo passato erano inadeguati al tempestoso presente. Visto che la situazione è nuova - disse - dobbiamo pensare ed agire in maniera nuova. Dobbiamo affrancarci." Ancora una volta, la situazione in cui ci troviamo è nuova; niente v'è di più urgente della necessità di affrancarci dai dogmi del tranquillo passato. Non dobbiamo credere di poter congelare gli Stati Uniti - o il mondo - nella forma di oggi o della generazione precedente....Non basta permettere il dissenso - dobbiamo esigerlo. Perchè ci sono molte cose dalle quali dissentire. Dissentiamo dal fatto che milioni di persone siano condannate alla miseria mentre la nazione continua ad arricchirsi. Dissentiamo dalle situazioni e dagli odi che negano una vita piena ai nostri connazionali per il colore della loro pelle. Dissentiamo dalla mostruosa assurdità di un mondo in cui le nazioni sono pronte a distruggersi ed in cui gli uomini devono uccidere altri uomini. Dissentiamo dalla vista di una maggioranza dell'umanità che vive in miseria, travagliata dalle malattie, minacciata dalla fame e condannata a morire prematuramente dopo una vita di assidua fatica. Dissentiamo dalle città che ottundono la sensibilità e trasformano gli atti quotidiani in una lotta penosa. Dissentiamo dalla deliberata e sventata distruzione delle bellezze naturali. Dissentiamo da tutte quelle strutture - tecnologiche e sociali - che spogliano l'individuo della dignità e del conforto di sapere che i suoi doveri sono gli stessi del resto della comunità e del paese". (Berkeley Campus - California - 22 ottobre 1966).

Noi non siamo in grado, nè intendiamo aprire un processo su chi ha ucciso o su perchè ha ucciso. Soffermarci su illazioni non documentate, nè documentabili e come tali deformabili facilmente in funzione di schematismi soggettivi, sarebbe ignorare una realtà grande e terribile; che riempie l'animo di sgomento, ma al tempo stesso di speranza.

Coloro che muoiono e che con la loro morte provocano una ondata di rinnovata fede negli angoli più lontani del mondo, sono coloro che formano la storia della umanità. Sono coloro che ripropo-
gono agli uomini una conquista che non si esaurisce, che si rinnova ogni giorno: la conquista della pace, opera di giustizia e quella della libertà - opera anch'essa di giustizia.

Kennedy fu tra questi; egli non mise mai la lucerna sotto il moggio. Ebbe il coraggio morale, ^{quel coraggio morale} come egli stesso scrisse - che è ben più raro dell'audacia in battaglia o di una grande intelligenza; ma che è essenziale per ogni conquista umana.

Noi abbiamo pregato per lui, abbiamo sofferto con i suoi familiari ed il nostro pensiero è corso spesso, in questi giorni, di là dell'aspetto politico, ad una famiglia nella quale tanti piccoli figli sono rimasti, vittime anch'essi della violenza, orfani del loro padre.

Ma il dolore, lo sgomento hanno trovato la loro luce nella speranza. Le forze del male, della violenza, possono, temporaneamente, soggiogare la verità; l'oppressione può soffocare la libertà. Ma, sempre, in definitiva gli apparenti vincitori saranno gli sconfitti.

"La verità - dice un canto - è sempre sul patibolo, l'ingiustizia sempre sul trono. Eppure è quel patibolo che domina il futuro e, dietro il buio ignoto, sta Dio nell'ombra a guardia di ciò che è suo".

E Sua è la verità, Sua la giustizia, Sua la libertà.

Per questo, nel dolore, si è aperto in noi lo squarcio luminoso della speranza: la speranza in un mondo veramente migliore in un mondo senza violenza, di pace, per tutti, di eguaglianza, per tutti, di libertà, per tutti. Questa è la nostra fiducia.



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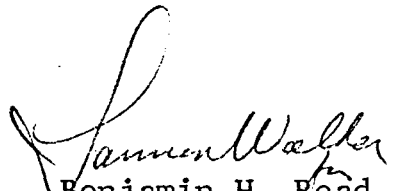
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Subject: Message of Sympathy from the
Jamaican Prime Minister

Prime Minister Hugh L. Shearer's message was sent after the attack on Senator Kennedy and before the Senator's death. The Prime Minister subsequently came to Washington on an earlier scheduled visit and while here attended the burial services at Arlington.

The Department recommends that the message to Prime Minister Shearer mention his attendance at the services here as well as his telegram of sympathy. A proposed reply is enclosed.


Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Proposed reply.
2. Message from Prime Minister of Jamaica

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SUGGESTED PRESIDENTIAL REPLY

"The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy and your presence at the burial services."

"The knowledge that you share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson"

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"All Jamaica profoundly shocked at news of attempted assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy. The Government and people of Jamaica send you their deepest sympathy and pray for his recovery. Grateful if sincere condolences be conveyed to Mrs. Kennedy and family on our behalf."

Message Received from The Honorable, Hugh L. Shearer,
Prime Minister of Jamaica

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TO : Department of State

FROM : Amembassy ABIDJAN

DATE: June 21, 1968

SUBJECT : Reaction to the Assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy

REF : A-371, June 18, 1968 AF Pol 6/US/Kennedy Robert F.

On Friday, June 14, 1968, Ivorian Archbishop Monseignor YAGO held a small requiem mass at the St. Johns Catholic Church of Cocody for Senator Robert F. Kennedy. It was attended by Ambassador Morgan and other Americans as well as a mixture of French and Ivorian personalities. During the service, Monseignor Yago announced that the Presidency had informed him there would be an official State Requiem Mass for the Senator the following evening in the Abidjan Cathedral.

The Official Mass was attended by President and Madame Houphouet-Boigny and most of the top officials in the government, including President of the National Assembly Philippe YACE, President of the Economic and Social Council Mamadou COULIBALY, and President of the Supreme Court Alphonse BONI, as well as by Ambassador Morgan, other members of the diplomatic corps and a large number of Ivorian citizens.

The President's Chief of Protocol OUEGNIN remarked to us that it was the first time he had ever seen the Moslem leaders in Ivory Coast attend a Christian service.

On June 21, 1968, Ambassador Morgan expressed personally to President Houphouet the American community's appreciation for the Official Mass. President Houphouet reiterated his deep regret over the assassination and recalled that Senator Kennedy had flown

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down from New York to Washington last summer especially to see him, and reaffirmed to President Houphouet his own continuing interest in Africa.

Enclosed for the Department's information is the Fraternité-Matin account of the service.

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RÉUNIS SAMEDI AUTOUR DU CHEF DE L'ÉTAT

Tous les Ivoiriens ont prié pour Robert Kennedy

L ASSASSINAT du sénateur américain, comme nous l'avons écrit dans ces colonnes, a provoqué en Côte d'Ivoire, comme dans la plupart des Etats africains amis de l'Amérique, une émotion si vive qu'on en parle encore ici avec amertume et désolation. On peut dire, sans exagération, que quinze jours après l'odieux événement l'Ivoirien le ressent encore comme s'il datait d'aujourd'hui. Cette réaction s'explique par le fait que « nous ne comprenons toujours pas » pourquoi le sénateur, homme juste, courageux et généreux, a été assassiné, mais aussi parce que nous voudrions que l'Amérique, au lieu de n'y voir, un peu trop légèrement que « la main du communisme international », cherche à comprendre le mal de sa société pour en déterminer les remèdes possibles.

Impuissants à comprendre cet état de choses, il ne nous reste que l'abattement et la prière. C'est pourquoi, pays de foi et de croyance, toute la Côte d'Ivoire réunie autour de son Chef samedi à Treichville, s'est agenouillée devant Dieu et a prié pour Kennedy et pour l'Amérique. Il n'y avait là, dans la cathédrale - Notre-Dame, ni chrétiens, ni musulmans, ni protestants, ni même incroyants : seule la Côte d'Ivoire, meurtrie, pleurait et priait Dieu pour Robert Kennedy, ce catholique mort après avoir reçu le dernier sacrement de sa religion.

Il serait impossible de citer les personnalités qui étaient samedi dans la Cathédrale, car répondant, comme chaque fois, à l'appel du Président, tout le monde était là : le Président Houphouët-Boigny se tenait seul près de l'Autel ; tandis que les Présidents Yacé, Coulibaly, Boni, Denise et leurs épouses formaient le premier rang des fidèles suivis des

membres du gouvernement et du Corps Diplomatique. En fait pas un seul service public ivoirien n'était absent à cet office religieux où, comme un seul homme, les Ivoiriens ont élevé vers le Seigneur leur modeste voix pour qu'il donne à l'âme du sénateur disparu le repos éternel et daigne jeter un regard sur la société américaine pour en réduire le mal qui n'a peut-être pas encore dit son dernier mot.

A ce propos, les paroles de Monseigneur Yago prononcées au cours de l'office méritent qu'on s'y arrête. Dans son sermon l'archevêque d'Abidjan, après avoir évoqué la vive émotion et l'affliction générale provoquées dans le monde entier par la disparition aussi inattendue que brutale du sénateur Robert Kennedy a exprimé l'espoir que de cet événement douloureux se dégage une leçon, celle qui concerne l'éducation morale des citoyens de demain. Mgr Yago a dit : « La raison profonde



A l'église Notre-Dame de Treichville, tous les Ivoiriens avaient tenu à prier pour le repos de l'âme de Robert Kennedy. A la tête des fidèles, se trouvaient Mme Houphouët-Boigny, les présidents Yacé et Coulibaly et leurs épouses (ci-dessus).

du désarroi et de l'affliction générale, c'est la crainte que l'idéal pour lequel Robert Kennedy a lutté ne soit à jamais compromis. Il avait combattu avec courage l'injustice et la violence, cette violence sous les coups de laquelle il est tombé. Et de la lutte comme de celle de son frère et du Pasteur Martin Luther King, nous attendions beaucoup pour la justice et la paix. Mais le Seigneur dont les desseins sont insondables en a jugé autrement en rappelant à lui son serviteur ».

Citant ensuite un verset de la Bible, « Si le grain ne tombe pas en terre et ne meure, il reste seul ; s'il meurt, il porte beaucoup de fruits, l'Archevêque d'Abidjan a proclamé l'espérance et la foi de tous les chrétiens dans cette mort du sénateur américain : « Nous croyons que de ce terrible mort peut germer une vie de fraternité parmi les races et les nations. En priant pour Robert Kennedy, les chrétiens que nous sommes prient pour le grand pays qui porte les plus écrasantes charges jamais portées par un peuple et aussi pour le monde entier troublé et inquiet devant tant de crimes, tant de sang innocent versé. Ce faisant, nous marchons sur

les traces du Saint-Père le Pape qui a prié pour le monde entier afin que ce sang généreux soit le dernier à être versé et serve à obtenir du ciel une plus grande compréhension et une fraternité consciente entre les hommes ».

Mgr Yago devait saisir l'occasion pour attirer l'attention des dirigeants et élites, des parents et des étudiants sur la leçon que nos pays doivent tirer de cet événement douloureux. « Cette leçon, a-t-il dit, concerne l'éducation morale des citoyens de demain ». Et l'Archevêque de poursuivre : « Ce n'est pas sans inquiétude que l'on voit se développer la commercialisation de nombreux films, illustrés, et même jeux d'enfants qui étalent la violence et la proposent en modèle. Tous les éducateurs savent combien les jeunes sont sensibles aux images et aux exemples de ces pseudo-héros dont la vie est remplie de meurtres et de licences morales. La vision de telles images crée des mentalités et engendre des sentiments d'où naissent la violence et les crimes comme celui que nous déplorons aujourd'hui et qui bouleverse le monde entier ».



Le Président Houphouët-Boigny se signant avec l'eau bénite.

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Attention *Mrs. Muller*
Keep this study together.
HR

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Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for your thoughtful message of condolence on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The expressions of your sympathy and those of the Members of the Council of the Organization of American States are deeply appreciated.

I shall, as you requested, transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

Sincerely yours,

Dean Rusk

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His Excellency
Emilio N. Oribe,
Chairman of the Council of the
Organization of American States,
Pan American Union,
Washington, D.C.

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June 19, 1968

TO: The Secretary

THROUGH: S/S *SLR*

FROM: USOAS - Sol M. Linowitz *ML*

SUBJECT: Letter for the Secretary's Signature:
Reply to Condolence Message from Chairman
of the Organization of American States
Council - ACTION MEMORANDUM

DISCUSSION:

Ambassador Emilio N. Oribe of Uruguay, Chairman of the Council of the Organization of American States, sent you a telegram (Tab B) expressing condolences on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

A letter has been prepared in reply to Ambassador Oribe's message, following the language being used for messages to foreign officials.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the attached letter to Ambassador Oribe (Tab A).

Concurrences:

ARA/LA - Miss Eltz

Attachments:

Tab A - Letter to Ambassador Oribe
Tab B - Telegram from Ambassador Oribe

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THE HONORABLE DEAN RUSK
SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

JUNE 6

ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL OF THE OAS AND MYSELF
I WISH TO CONVEY TO YOU OUR DEEP SORROW AND
SINCEREST CONDOLENCES FOR THE TRAGIC DEATH OF
SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. AN INEXCUSABLE ACT
HAS INTERRUPTED TRAGICALLY THE CAREER OF ONE OF
THE MOST PROMISING YOUNG STATESMEN OF THE
AMERICAS AND DEPRIVED THE PEOPLES OF THE LATIN
AMERICAN REPUBLICS OF ONE OF THEIR GREATEST
AND REALLY TRUSTED FRIENDS. PLEASE EXPRESS
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND TO
THE FAMILY OF SENATOR KENNEDY THESE SENTIMENTS
SHARED BY ALL THE AMBASSADORS MEMBERS OF THE
COUNCIL.

EMILIO N. ORIBE
AMBASSADOR OF URUGUAY
CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

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FROM : Amembassy OUAGADOUGOU

DATE: June 21, 1968

SUBJECT: Kennedy Assassination

REF :

French Ambassador DeLaye has expressed his profound sympathies on the death of Senator Robert Kennedy and his confidence in the U.S. social-political structure.

He simulataneously deplores the outpouring of U.S. and other comment on the collapse of American civilization and its political system. The assassination, he believes, was a political act by a member of an aggrieved group like many others before. It should not be seen as symptomatic of basic U.S. faults. There are real enough American problems, but that is another matter.

This combined vote of confidence and critique of American reaction is shared by other members of the French community.

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JUNE 21, 1968

Excellency:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt
of your note dated June 6, 1968, conveying your
condolences and those of the members of your mission.
Your sympathy at this time of national sorrow,
occasioned by the tragic death of Senator Robert F.
Kennedy, is deeply appreciated.

I have arranged to transmit your condolences
to Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of
my highest consideration.

For the Secretary of State:

Robert M. Sayre

Pol 6-2 US/Kennedy, Robert F.

His Excellency

Juan Felipe Yriart,

Ambassador of Uruguay.

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Excellency:

I have the honor to address Your Excellency to convey to you and to the Government of the United States of America my deep sympathy for the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The members of my Mission associate themselves in this sentiment.

We feel as our own the sadness of the people of the United States before this great tragedy, and with them we repudiate this act of violence which deprives your country of a courageous and wise man.

I beg Your Excellency to transmit our condolences to Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy and the members of her family.

/ Accept

His Excellency
Dean Rusk,
Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

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Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of
my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jean Polye-Henri". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line above the first part of the name.

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JUNE 21, 1968

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Dr. Tomas Casio y Casio
Consul General of Peru
227 North Arden
Los Angeles, California

Dear Dr. Casio:

The Secretary of State has asked me to express his appreciation for your kind words of sympathy on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Your concern, and that of your colleagues in the Los Angeles Consular Corps, is very much appreciated at this tragic moment.

Sincerely,

Angier Riddle Duke
Chief of Protocol

cc: Mr. Anthony E. Starcevic
Director
Cultural Affairs Office
300 North Los Angeles Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

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=ANTHONY STARCEVIC, US DEPARTMENT OF STATE=
300 NORTH LOS ANGELES ST LOSA (TB)=
:AS ACTING DEAN OF THE LOS ANGELES CONSULAR CORPS, IN
THE NAME OF ALL MY COLLEAGUES AND MYSELF, I WISH TO
EXPRESS OUR DEEPEST SENTIMENTS OF REGRET FOR THE TRAGIC
DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY=
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ARA - Mr. Tull

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SUBJECT Condolence fm Anthony E. Starcevic to Samuel King S/CPR re: death of Sen. Kennedy.

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For your information.

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Reply as appropriate.

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Condolence fm Anthony E. Starcevic to Samuel

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King S/CPR re: death

SUBJECT of Sen. Kennedy.

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REMARKS

Reply as appropriate.

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EP-P: Mr.
Shumate,

Suggest letter
on Secy's
behalf signed
by Chief of
Protocol.

(Check CPR to
see if Duke
is in town to
sign)

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Cultural Affairs Office
300 No. Los Angeles Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

June 10, 1968

Mr. Samuel L. King, Deputy Chief of Protocol
Office of the Secretary
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Sam:

Being somewhat unschooled in these matters, I have transmitted the message of condolence on the occasion of the death of Senator Kennedy to you in the belief that the Office of Protocol will know how to send the message forward.

It was good seeing you at Disneyland recently. I hope that I might find time to come and say hello to you on my way to Barcelona in late July.

Very best regards to Betty.

Sincerely yours,

Anthony E. Starcevic
Director

Attachment:

Message from Consul
General of Peru

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June 21, 1968

The Department of State acknowledges the receipt of Note No. P-7 dated June 6, 1968 from the Embassy of Japan transmitting the text of a message from the Prime Minister of Japan to the President of the United States expressing sympathy and condolences on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Enclosed is a copy of the President's reply to the Prime Minister's letter which the Embassy of the United States at Tokyo was asked to transmit.

Enclosure:

✓ President Johnson's reply to Prime Minister Sato's letter of June 6, 1968.

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The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

Lyndon B. Johnson

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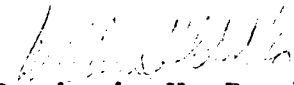
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Message from President to Minister of
Health of Ecuador

The Minister of Health of Ecuador has sent to the President the enclosed telegram expressing the grief of the people of Ecuador over the death of Senator Kennedy. Since the approved acknowledgment, signed by the President, has been sent in response to the condolence message from President Arosemena, the Department recommends that the Embassy in Quito be instructed to make an appropriate reply, on behalf of the President, to the Minister of Health.


Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

Message from Minister of
Public Health of Ecuador
and translation

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DEL SENADOR ROBERT KENNEDY ATTO

DR GUILLERMO MOLINA DEFRANCE

MINISTRO DE SALUD PUBLICA DEL ECUADOR

*Pol 6-2. US/Kennedy,
Robert A.*

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ITT12/7 JUNE

HIS EXCELLENCY
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
WASHINGTON, D.C.

ON BEHALF OF THE ECUADOREAN PEOPLE, ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THIS
EXPRESSION OF PROFOUND GRIEF OVER THE UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT
KENNEDY. RESPECTFULLY,

DR. GUILLERMO MOLINA DEFRANCE
MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH OF ECUADOR

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT
AROSEMENA:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE
2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE
3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY GUE.
4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TRANSLATED TEXT OF PRESIDENT AROSEMENA'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

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QUITO, JUNE 6, 1968

SORROWFULLY AFFECTED BY PREMATURE TRAGIC DISAPPEARANCE SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY LEADER OF DEMOCRACY AND BELOVED FRIEND OF LATIN AMERICA IT IS MY DUTY TO TRANSMIT TO YOU IN NAME OF NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AND ECUADOREAN PEOPLE DEEPEST FELT GRIEF OVER SUCH

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IRREPARABLE LOSS WHICH PLACES ALL AMERICA IN MOURNING. ACCEPT
TESTIMONY MY HIGHEST AND MOST DISTINGUISHED CONSIDERATION.
OTTO AROSEMENA GOMEZ UNQTE. RUSK

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Condolence Message on death of
Senator Robert F. Kennedy from
Mexican Senator Manuel Bernardo
Aguirre

Enclosed is a copy of a telegram addressed to
President Johnson extending condolences on the
death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy sent on behalf
of the Mexican Senate by its leader, Manuel Bernardo
Aguirre. Senator Aguirre headed the Mexican dele-
gation to the Interparliamentary Conference at
Honolulu in April. While there he met personally
with the President. For this reason and the par-
ticularly close relations between the President
and key Mexican dignitaries, the Department re-
commends that the enclosed suggested reply be sent.

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Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

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1. Telegram from Senator Aguirre,
dated June 7, 1968.
2. Translation of telegram.
3. Suggested reply.

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

EL SENADO DE LA REPUBLICA MEXICANA SUPLICA A USTED
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ACAECIDA EN LAS TRAGICAS CIRCUNSTANCIAS QUE LAMENTAMOS
HONDAMENTE PUNTO

2 SENADOR MANUEL BERNARDO AGUIRRE PRESIDENTE DE LA GRAN
COMISIO.

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

THE SENATE OF THE MEXICAN REPUBLIC BEGS YOU TO ACCEPT THE
EXPRESSION OF ITS SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT
F. KENNEDY, WHICH OCCURRED UNDER TRAGIC CIRCUMSTANCES THAT WE DEEPLY
REGRET.

SENATOR MANUEL BERNARDO AGUIRRE
CHAIRMAN OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE

13-12-68 10:00 AM 11/11/68

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Suggested Reply

6/24/68

The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my appreciation for your deepest sympathy.

The knowledge that your colleagues and countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

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Senator Manuel Aguirre,

Chairman of the Steering Committee,

Mexico, D.F.

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ACTION: Amembassy MEXICO

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SUBJECT: Message on Death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy

1. Please pass following message from Vice President to Chairman Farias Permanent Committee Congress:

QUOTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of President Johnson and of the American people and in my capacity as President of the United States Senate, I express my deepest appreciation for your message of sympathy. The knowledge that our neighboring legislators share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation.

Hubert Humphrey UNQUOTE

2. Vice President's Office does not plan release message, but has no objection to release by Permanent Committee.

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Drafted by: ARA/MEX:WDBoles:mrg 6/13/68	Tel. Ext. 8855	Telegraphic transmission and classification approved by: ARA/MEX - Mr. Myers
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ARA - Miss Eltz <i>[initials]</i>	H - Mr. J. Briggs <i>[initials]</i>	P - Mr. Coates <i>[initials]</i>
S/CPR - R.D. <i>[initials]</i>	Mr. Sancho-Bonet	VP - Mr. Rielly <i>[initials]</i>
		S/S - Mr. XXXXX <i>[initials]</i>
		Brown <i>[initials]</i>

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3. Following, FYI, is English text of Deputy Farias's message addressed to President Johnson:

QUOTE The Permanent Committee of the Congress of the United Mexican States expresses to the Senate of the United States of America its sincerest condolences for the tragic death of the Senior(sic) Senator from New York, Robert F. Kennedy.

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Washington, D.C. 20520

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June 20, 1968

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Attention Mrs. Mullett
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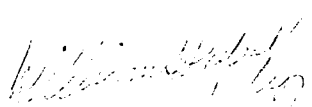
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Message of Condolence from City
Council of Porto Seguro, Brazil
to President Johnson on death of
Senator Robert Kennedy

The enclosed telegram of condolence from the President of the
City Council of Porto Seguro, Bahia to President Johnson on the
death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy was forwarded to the Department
of State for recommendation.

The Department recommends that the telegram be forwarded to
the American Consul in Salvador, Bahia for appropriate acknowledgment
and reply.


Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

Message of condolence.

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ARA/DR:RDSscarfo:me:6/20/68

Clearances: ARA/BR - Mr. Kubisch (draft)
ARA - Miss Eltz
S/S - Mr. Parker

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Thursday, June 13, 1968

TO: S/S Ben Read
FROM: Bromley Smith

For translation and draft reply.

Re. Message of condolence from
City Council of Porto Seguro, Brazil
to President Johnson on death
of Senator Robert Kennedy

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

REPRESENTANDO POPULACAO CONSTRANGIDA PORT SEGURO APRESENTAMOS

THE SINCERAS CONDOLENCIAS BRUTAL FALECIMENTO SENADOR KENNEDY

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PORTO SEGURO, BAHIA, BRAZIL 42/40 11NFT

THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

ON BEHALF OF THE SHOCKED CITIZENS OF PORTO SEGURO, WE OFFER
SINCEREST CONDOLENCES OVER THE BRUTAL DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY.
THIS IS AN IRREPARABLE LOSS TO THE WHOLE WORLD. RESPECTFUL
GREETINGS.

CARLOS DAJUDO
CHAIRMAN, CITY COUNCIL, PORTO SEGURO, BAHIA.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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R. 5112

TO ARA - Miss Roberson

DATE June 17, 1968

SUBJECT

Tel. to the President from Carlos Dajudo, 6/12, offering condolences over the death of Senator Kennedy

XXX Prepare a Read to Rostow
memo enclosing or containing:
____ Draft reply for President's signature.
____ Draft reply for signature by ____.
____ Memo for use as enclosure to reply by White House. *
XXX Comment or recommendation. *
____ Direct reply:
____ Furnish information copy under cover of a Read to ____ memo.
____ Comeback copy required for S/S.
____ Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling:
____ Furnish information copy of reply, if any, under cover of a Read to ____ memo.
____ Refer to White House request of ____.
____ FYI
____ Due in S/S by ____.

NOTES

1. White House referrals must be answered within 48 hours unless otherwise noted. If deadline cannot be met, inform S/S immediately at extension given below.
2. Direct replies to White House mail must be signed at the Assistant or Acting Assistant Secretary level.
3. Unless otherwise noted, direct replies, depending upon the addressee of the incoming letter, must begin: "The President has asked me to reply" or "Mr. ____ has asked me to reply".
4. Basic correspondence should be returned when draft reply, memorandum or comment or comeback copy for the White House is requested.

REMARKS

*with draft reply if appropriate.

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HANDLING INDICATOR

TO : Department of State

INFO: LOURENCO MARQUES, LUANDA, OPORTO, PONTA DELGADA

FROM : AmEmbassy LISBON

DATE: June 20, 1968

SUBJECT: Portuguese Reaction to Senator Robert F. Kennedy's Death

REF : Lisbon 1539 and 1542; A-419

The shooting of Senator Robert F. Kennedy in Los Angeles followed by his death the next day, caused profound shock and bewilderment in Portugal.

Beginning immediately after the news of the shooting became known in Portugal, the Embassy began to receive telephone calls and expressions of condolence. These numbered almost 200 in the period up to the Senator's death and a large number afterward. Interestingly enough, despite widespread editorial criticism in the controlled press of the "climate of violence" and excessive freedom in the United States which allegedly contributed to the Senator's shooting, the messages of condolence often included expressions of solidarity with the American people and with the American nation.

Foreign Minister Franco NOGUEIRA sent to the Secretary of State a message of condolences for the Kennedy family (Lisbon 1542) and the Portuguese Ambassador in Washington was designated to represent the Government of Portugal at the Senator's funeral services.

The Defense Attaché received a personal note from the Secretary of the Portuguese Air Force and a telegram of condolence from the Chief of Staff for transmission to the Chief of Staff USAF (USDAO Lisbon 0580), and telephoned messages of

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Conclusion

There are enclosed, for such disposition as the Department may deem appropriate, about 80 letters and telegrams expressing sympathy and condolences written to the Ambassador or to the Embassy, together with copies of the acknowledgments made by the American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim. Also enclosed are about 125 personal cards which were dropped at the Embassy. On June 18 the local press published a brief release by the Embassy expressing its appreciation for the condolences which it had received. The signature pages from the book which was set up in the front lobby of the Chancery will be sent forward separately.

The Embassy considers that the condolences and tributes expressed by Portuguese citizens and residents were an impressive manifestation of the high regard in which the Senator and his ideals were held. This was especially noteworthy in a country as conservative as Portugal.

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Enclosures: *2 envelopes*

1. Letters and telegrams of condolence
2. Copies of acknowledgments thereto
3. Personal cards

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1. Please deliver following message from Vice President Humphrey to Senator Atalay:

QTE Dear Senator Atalay: I am grateful for the expression of sympathy which you and your fellow Senators have conveyed to me on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. As you have been kind enough to observe, he was one of the most eminent of the members of our legislature, and he championed the ideals for a better world in which we all believe. My fellow Americans share with me profound grief over his loss and over the suffering it has caused his family. Sincerely, Hubert H. Humphrey UNQTE

2. ^{Vice President's office} ~~Mr. Brown~~ does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by recipient.

3. Following FYI is text of Senator Atalay's April 10 message to the Vice President: QTE It is with profound sorrow that I have learned of the tragic death of eminent Senator Robert F. Kennedy as a result of wounds inflicted by an assassin. UNQTE

4. QTE Senator Robert F. Kennedy was an ardent champion of mankind's highest ideals and of hope for peace and well-being

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Drafted by: NEA/TUR:CRHartley:he:6/14/68

Tel. Ext. 3446

Telegraphic transmission and classification approved by: NEA/TUR - John M. Howison

Clearances:

NEA - ~~Mr. Handley~~ Mr. Handley
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in our world. It is one of the ironies of our age that, while Senator Kennedy was campaigning in the Primaries, seeking the highest office in the United States from which to further these very ideals, he should be struck down by a brutal, senseless slaying. UNQTE

5. QTE The best guarantee of the future of mankind is the democratic way of life made safe from acts of hatred, prejudice and brutality. UNQTE

6. QTE The United States of America stands bereft of an outstanding leader, the United States Senate of an illustrious member and people everywhere aspiring for a better world face a less hopeful future. UNQTE

7. QTE On behalf of the members of the Senate of the Turkish Republic and myself, I offer my deepest sympathy. Sirri Atalay, Acting President of the Senate of the Turkish Republic. UNQTE

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TO : Department of State

FROM : Amembassy OSLO

SUBJECT : Condolence Book for Senator Robert F. Kennedy

REF :

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Transmitted herewith is a book of signatures gathered in Oslo in memory of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Included among those who called at the Embassy to sign the condolence book were Labor Party Chairman Trygve BRATTELI, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Secretary General Thor BOYE, Oslo Mayor Brynjulf BULL, the Lord Chamberlain of the Court Ingr. SMITH-KIELLAND, Supreme Court Justice Andreas ENDRSEN, and Norwegian statesman and former Foreign Minister Halvard LANGE. Ekspedisjonsjef Andres ANDERSEN signed on behalf of Prime Minister Per BORTEN. Among the signatures of Norwegian youth, the predominant group of signers, are those of the leaders of the University of Oslo student organizations. In addition, signatures were entered by representatives, almost without exception ambassadors, of twenty-nine embassies, including that of the United Arab Republic.

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Enclosure:
 One Book of Signatures

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HANDLING INDICATOR

TO : Department of State

FROM : Amembassy GUATEMALA

DATE: June 20, 1968

SUBJECT: Death of Senator Kennedy: Messages of Condolence and Memorial Observances.

REF : STATE 181310

1. Transmitted as enclosures to this airgram are some 70 messages addressed to the Ambassador conveying expressions of condolence on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. All messages have been acknowledged by the Ambassador. The Department, in its discretion, may wish to forward the messages to the Kennedy family or to make other appropriate disposition thereof.

2. It will be noted that the messages are representative of the feelings of a wide sector of Guatemalan society--from prominent and humble individuals; from all kinds of organizations, both public and private. As noted in other communications, the general reaction was one of genuine sorrow and sympathy.

3. As the Department is aware, other messages of condolence were sent directly to the Kennedy family by Foreign Minister Arenales, and to President Johnson by President Mendez (STATE 181310), the Council of State, and the President of the National Committee of the Partners of the Alliance.

4. On Sunday, June 9th, a memorial service was held at the inter-denominational Union Church of Guatemala, attended by the English-speaking community. Eulogies to the memory of Senator Kennedy were delivered by the Ambassador, the Episcopal Bishop of Guatemala, the British Consul, and the representative of the American Bible Society. A Requiem Mass in English was said at the Church of Villa de Guadalupe, and another religious memorial service took place on Monday, June 10th.

Enclosure: Messages of Condolence

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June 20, 1968

Excellency:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's notes dated June 5 and June 6, 1968, extending sympathy and condolences on behalf of the members of the Diplomatic Corps and yourself on the deplorable incident that resulted in the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Your thoughtful message is deeply appreciated. The knowledge that you and your colleagues share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. As you requested, I shall convey your expression of sympathy to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Secretary of State:

S/Robert M. Sayre

Del 6-2 MS/Kennedy Robert F.

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His Excellency

Dr. Guillermo Sevilla Sacasa,
Ambassador of Nicaragua.

Clearances: *See attached*
ARA/CEN - Amb. Burrows
ARA - Miss Eltz
S/S - Mr. Parker *uf*

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For the Secretary of State:

His Excellency

Guillermo Sevilla Sacasa

Ambassador of Nicaragua

Dean of the Diplomatic Corps

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ARA - Miss Eltz *enc*

S/S - Mr. Parker

S/S - Mrs. Deaneham

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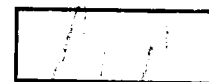
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June 6, 1968.

Excellency:

On behalf of the members of the Diplomatic Corps and myself, I extend our heartfelt condolences on the tragic demise of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

It would be highly appreciated if Your Excellency would kindly convey our expression of sympathy to your Government and to the family of the deceased.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Guillermo Sevilla Sacasa
Ambassador of Nicaragua
Dean of the Diplomatic Corps

His Excellency
Dean Rusk
The Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

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Ara/CEN: J. Willis*

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June 5, 1968.

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arap/EN J. L. Lellis*

Excellency:

On behalf of the members of the Diplomatic Corps and myself, I extend our heartfelt sympathy on the deplorable incident that has victimized the distinguished Senator Robert F. Kennedy and offer our earnest wishes and fervent prayers for his recovery.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

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Guillermo Sevilla Sacasa
Ambassador of Nicaragua
Dean of the Diplomatic Corps

His Excellency
Dean Rusk
The Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

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EMBAJADA DE NICARAGUA
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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His Excellency
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The Secretary of State
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1. If Embassy has not yet replied to Bombozo's condolence message, request following message from Acting Assistant Secretary Quimby be transmitted to General.
2. QTE Thank you for your thoughtful message of condolence on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The sympathy which you expressed on your own behalf and that of the Congolese National Army is deeply appreciated.
3. I shall, as you requested, transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Sincerely, Thomas H. E. Quimby.
UNQTE
4. Also request Embassy express in similar vein to Bomboko, ~~Tshisekedi~~ Tshisekedi, Nendaka, and Nzeza, Mr. Quimby's appreciation for their expressions of ~~condolence~~ ~~sympathy~~ condolence and sympathy.

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HANDLING INDICATOR

TO : Amembassy BRIDGETOWN

FROM : Department of State

DATE: JUN 20 12 55 PM '68

SUBJECT: Senator Kennedy's Death

REF : A-189

The Department is forwarding to the Kennedy family non-official condolence messages received by our posts overseas. Your transmittal of such messages should be marked for the attention of the Office of Congressional Relations. Although there has been no official announcement from the family, it is our understanding that they hope to acknowledge all messages received.

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ACTION: Amembassy SAN JOSE

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS:

1. QTE Thank you for ^{your} thoughtful message of condolence on ^{the} tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. We were grateful for the kind help and understanding offered by your distinguished President and Foreign Minister as they shared with us our time of national sorrow, and we deeply appreciate your own expression of sympathy. UNQTE

2. Department does not plan release message, but has no objection to release by GOCR.

3. Following, FYI, is English translation of Vice Minister's message to the Secretary:

QTE Accept Excellency, this expression of the grief so deeply felt by the people and government of Costa Rica, who share the sorrow of your nation and its government over the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Luis Dobles Sanchez,

Acting Minister of Foreign Relations. UNQTE

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ARA/CEN - Charles Burrows

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S/S - Mr. ~~XXXXXX~~ Shepard S - Mr. Steigman

ARA - Miss Eltz *pm*

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June 19, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Telegram to the President from Fra
Angelo De Majana, Grand Master of
the Order of Malta

There is enclosed a telegram to the President
from Fra Angelo De Majana, Grand Master of the
Order of Malta, expressing condolence on the death
of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The Department
recommends that Ambassador Ackley reply to the tele-
gram on behalf of the President. An airgram to our
Embassy in Rome, requesting the Ambassador to do
so, is enclosed.

William H. Read
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

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Enclosures:

1. Telegram to the President from
Fra Angelo De Majana, Grand
Master of the Order of Malta,
June 7, 1968.
2. Translation.
3. Airgram.

Clearance:

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

ATROCE LUTTO CHE ANCORA UNA VOLTA COLPISCE FAMIGLIA
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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

THE APPALLING TRAGEDY THAT HAS ONCE AGAIN BEFALLEN THE KENNEDY FAMILY DEEPLY MOVES ALL THE KNIGHTS OF MALTA, IN WHOSE NAME I EXPRESS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY FRATERNAL SENTIMENTS OF SYMPATHY FOR THE GREAT SORROW OF THE NOBLE AMERICAN NATION, TOGETHER WITH THE ASSURANCE THAT WE SHALL PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF THE DECEASED.

FRA ANGELO DE MOJANA, GRAND MASTER OF THE
ORDER OF MALTA

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TO : Amembassy, ROME

FROM : DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DATE:

SUBJECT: Telegram to the President from Fra Angelo De Mojana,
Grand Master of the Order of Malta

REF :

Enclosed is a telegram to the President, with a translation, from Fra Angelo De Mojana, Grand Master of the Order of Malta. The telegram expresses the Grand Master's condolence on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Unless some objection is perceived, it is requested that the Ambassador make an appropriate acknowledgment to the Grand Master. The Ambassador's letter should begin, "President Johnson has asked me to reply to your telegram of June 8,

Enclosures:

1. Copy of telegram to the President from Fra Angelo De Mojana, Grand Master of the Order of Malta, dated June 8, 1968.
2. Translation.

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TO : Department of State

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FROM : Amembassy LIBREVILLE

DATE: June 19, 1968

SUBJECT : Senator Robert Kennedy

REF :

Enclosed for appropriate disposition is the Condolence Book which the Embassy opened during the period June 7 - 14, 1968, on the occasion of Senator Robert Kennedy's assassination and in response to the widespread and evident desire locally for such a means to express individual grief and sorrow. The book has been signed by a wide spectrum of official and private persons in Libreville.

We have also enclosed copies of the issue of the Gabonese official news bulletin, Gabon Matin, which contains reports on the Senator's assassination and messages of condolence. It is worth noting that the Senator appears on the cover; this is the first time this year that Gabon Matin has carried a photograph on the cover. In addition, there are enclosed copies of the widely distributed USIS information bulletin containing similar material.

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Enclosures:

1. Condolence Book
2. Gabon Matin, June 7, 1968 (4)
3. USIS Information Bulletin, June 8, 1968 (4)

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David M. Bane, Ambassador

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TO : Department of State

FROM : Amembassy MANAGUA

SUBJECT : Condolences on Death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy

REF : -

DATE: June 19, 1968

There follows an unofficial translation of Note No. 056, dated June 6, 1968, addressed to the Ambassador by the Minister of Foreign Relations of Nicaragua, Dr. Lorenzo Guerrero, expressing regret on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy:

I have the honor to address Your Excellency to convey to you the sentiments of profound pain of the Nicaraguan People, of the Government of the Republic, and my own personal sentiments, on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, renowned public servant of the United States of America and member of a distinguished family.

This lamentable occurrence brings mourning not only to the noble North American People, already put to hard test in 1963 with the untimely death of illustrious President John F. Kennedy and recently with the loss of the great leader Martin Luther King, but constitutes cause for deep consternation for the free peoples of the world who appreciate in just measure the virtues of nobleness, valor and moral integrity, all of which characterized the now deceased Senator Kennedy.

In this hour of sadness, will Your Excellency please transmit to the honorable Kennedy family the sentiments of condolence which engulf the Nicaraguan people in this sad hour; and I urge Your Excellency to accept the assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

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This note has been acknowledged by the Embassy and is referred to the Department for possible compliance with the request contained in the last paragraph.

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1. Please pass following from President to Pope Paul:

QUOTE:

Your Holiness:

I was deeply touched by your compassionate message of condolence upon the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. We draw strength from your prayers for our fellow citizens and for the Nation at this sad moment.

I am pleased that Archbishop Terrence Cooke has agreed to serve on the Presidential Commission appointed to seek out the causes of violence in our country.

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I must report that there has been no substantial progress toward a peaceful and just solution of the war in Vietnam during

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There is much speculation that these rocket and mortar attacks are designed not only to shake the government, but to give the impression that the Communists hold the military initiative--and therefore to secure an advantage in Paris. It is a tragedy--one of many in ~~this~~ this war--that the people of South Vietnam must suffer as they do because of the aggressive intentions of the Communists.

I cannot predict when the North Vietnamese representatives will be more ~~forthcoming~~ forthcoming in Paris; nor can I estimate how long the Communists' offensive will continue in South Vietnam. I fear that neither will occur as ~~xx~~ soon as all mankind desires.

Nevertheless, the United States and those ~~wh~~ with whom we are allied will continue to seek an honorable peace at the negotiating table, ~~w~~ as we shall remain firm in resisting terror and aggression in South Vietnam. I devoutly hope that my next letter to you will bring more hopeful tidings. Unless it is myself, I know of no one on earth who so longs for news of progress

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toward peace in Vietnam as Your Holiness.

I shall tell you that I have greatly enjoyed my chats with the Apostolic Delegate in ~~Washington~~ Washington.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson UNQUOTE

2. Signed original being pouched.
3. White House considers this message a private communication.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 15, 1968

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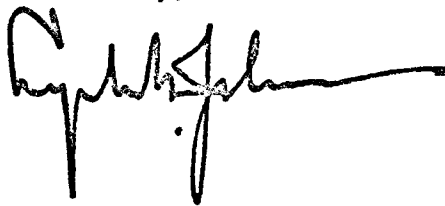
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I should tell you that I have greatly enjoyed my chats with the Apostolic Delegate in Washington.

Sincerely,

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His Holiness
Pope Paul VI
Vatican City

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JOHN E. RIELLY
OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

Subject: Condolence Message from Mexican Congress
for the Death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy

Deputy Luis M. Farias in behalf of the Mexican Congress sent the enclosed telegram to the President requesting that condolences for the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy be conveyed to the United States Senate. We suggest that the Vice President may wish to acknowledge this telegram and we enclose a proposed message.

Samuel Walker
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Telegram of June 8,
with translation.
2. Proposed acknowledgment.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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MEXICANOS EXPRESA SUS MAS SINCERAS CONDOLENCIAS AL SEN⁴DO DE LOS ESTADOS
UNIDOS DE NORTEAMERICA POR EL TRAGICO FALLECIMIENTO DEL SNIOR
SENADOR POR NUEVA YORK ROBERT F KENNEDY
EL PRESIDENTE DIP LIC LUIS M FARIAS.

Handwritten: P-1 6-11-68 4/10/68

Mexico
June 8, 1968

The President
The White House
Washington

The Permanent Committee of the Congress of the United Mexican States expresses to the Senate of the United States of America its sincerest condolences for the tragic death of the Senior Senator from New York, Robert F. Kennedy.

Deputy Luis M. Farias
Chairman

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Suggested Reply

Dear Chairman Farias:

The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of President Johnson and of the American people and in my capacity as President of the United States Senate, I express my deepest appreciation for your message of sympathy. The knowledge that our neighboring legislators share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation.

Sincerely,

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SUBJECT: Message on Death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy

1. Please pass following message from Vice President to Chairman Farias Permanent Committee Congress:

QUOTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of President Johnson and of the American people and in my capacity as President of the United States Senate, I express my deepest appreciation for your message of sympathy. The knowledge that our neighboring legislators share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation.

Hubert Humphrey UNQUOTE

2. Vice President's Office does not plan release message, but has no objection to release by Permanent Committee.

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3. Following, FYI, is English text of Deputy Farias's message addressed to President Johnson:

QUOTE The Permanent Committee of the Congress of the United Mexican States expresses to the Senate of the United States of America its sincerest condolences for the tragic death of the Senior(sic) Senator from New York, Robert F. Kennedy.

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Please convey to Foreign Minister Rifa'i the appreciation
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Kennedy and advise him his expression of sympathy conveyed
to Kennedy family.

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FROM : Amembassy TRIPOLI DATE: 18 June 1968

SUBJECT : Kennedy Assassination Condolence Letter

REF :

Attached (Enclosure #1) is a letter received from Mr. Chedley Horchani of the Tunisian Embassy in Tripoli. The Department is requested to forward the letter to Senator Edward Kennedy.

Enclosure #2 is a copy of a letter sent over the Ambassador's signature acknowledging Mr. Horchani's letter.

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TO : Department of State

INFO : GÖTEBORG

FROM : Amembassy STOCKHOLM

SUBJECT : Public and Press Reaction to the Assassination of Senator Kennedy

REF : Stockholm 1808

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Swedish public and press reacted to the assassination of Senator Kennedy with shock and dismay. The press, particularly the left wing newspapers, emphasized the amount of violence in American society, and connected the Senator's death with that of his brother, Dr. King and Malcolm X.

Aftonbladet, the largest Social Democratic newspaper, was particularly vicious in attacking the United States. In rebuttal, Allan HERNELIUS, chief editor of Conservative Svenska Dagbladet, criticized the Aftonbladet editor "in his eagerness to undermine confidence and sympathy for the world's greatest democracy. He does not even shy from distorting and misinterpreting the circumstances surrounding Robert Kennedy's death".

After it became known that the accused assassin was a Jordanian immigrant, criticism against the United States abated somewhat. There are still, however, hints in the Swedish press of a possible conspiracy surrounding the assassination.

The Swedish Government reacted much more responsibly. The first statement by Prime Minister ERLANDER did contain a condemnation of violence in American society. Later, after Senator Kennedy died, however, his statement to the Swedish public over television was sympathetic and expressed a sense of loss.

The Chief of Protocol, Olof LANDENIUS, called upon the Charge d'Affaires June 6 and offered the condolences of the Swedish Government. He said that both the King and Prime Minister Erlander had sent messages to the President, and that Ambassador DE BESCHE in Washington had been instructed to send condolences to the Kennedy family. The Speaker of the Riksdag also sent a condolence message to Vice President Humphrey.

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from Stockholm

Foreign Ministry officials, most of the Ambassadors and several hundred Swedish citizens came to the Embassy June 7 and June 8 to sign a condolence book in memory of Senator Kennedy. Many chiefs of mission and Swedish citizens have sent messages of sympathy (and flowers) to the Embassy.

The American community organized an interdenominational service Sunday, June 9. The Acting Foreign Minister, Sven-Eric NILSSON, the Secretary General of the Foreign Ministry, as well as the Chief of Protocol and Director of Political Affairs, attended the memorial service, as did the Ambassador and most of the staff of the Embassy. A requiem mass was held in the Swedish Catholic cathedral June 10. Both services were well attended.

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The Embassy requests instruction on disposition of the condolence book.

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TO : Department of State

FROM : Amembassy BUDAPEST

DATE: June 18, 1968

SUBJECT: Condolences on the Death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy

REF :

Enclosed for the Department's information and for presentation to Mrs. Ethel Kennedy is a letter from the Ambassador expressing the Embassy's commiseration and transmitting the book of condolence which the Embassy opened for signature June 7-8 and which was signed by some 150 individuals, as well as a folder containing letters and telegrams received by the Embassy with individual messages of sympathy.

Hungarian officials who came to the Embassy to sign the book included the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Bela SZILAGYI; his deputy and chief of the MFA Fifth Department, Ambassador Vencel HAZI; MFA American Desk Officer Janos VARGA; Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade Bela SZALAI; officials of the Foreign Trade Ministry Peter VERESS, Denes VICZENIK, and Imre LENGYEL; representative of the Presidium of the National Assembly Istvan DARVASI; Acting Chairman of the Institute of Cultural Relations Endre ROSTA; ICR Department Head Janos HORVATH, and ICR American Desk Officer Gabor VIGH. Foreign chiefs of diplomatic missions who likewise came to sign the book included the Ambassadors of Turkey, France, Greece, Great Britain, Argentina, Belgium, Sweden, Switzerland, the USSR, Indonesia, Czechoslovakia, Uruguay, Yugoslavia, Italy, Austria, Poland, and Romania, and the Charges d'Affaires of Denmark, Chile, and Norway. The Chief of the Federal German Trade Mission also signed.

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AIRMAIL BRANCH

FROM : Amconsul MUNICH

DATE: JUNE 18, 1968

SUBJECT: Memorial Ceremony for Senator Robert F. Kennedy at Munich
America House

REF : Munich 928

Joint State/USIS Message

More than 400 German and American residents of Munich attended the simple and reverent memorial ceremony for Senator Robert F. Kennedy which was held at the Munich America House on June 12. Heading the list of prominent Bavarian State Government, Bavarian Landtag, Munich City Government and Consular Corps representatives who attended was Bavarian Deputy Minister President Hundhammer.

In brief remarks of tribute, Consul General Creel and Bavarian Landtag Deputy Roland Friedrich Messner (CSU) both spoke in moving terms about Senator Kennedy--the man, his aspirations for the underprivileged in his own country and elsewhere, and the lesson which a stunned world must draw from his tragic and untimely death. Consul General Creel recalled President Johnson's admonition of June 6 that "we cannot, we must not tolerate the sway of violent men among us..." Herr Messner firmly rejected the thesis--which had also found a certain echo in German press commentaries on the assassination of Senator Kennedy--that Senator Kennedy had fallen victim to a sickness which was endemic in the United States. Herr Messner recalled in this connection the recent attempt on the life of German radical student leader Rudi Dutschke and the Easter weekend violence in Munich following that incident which had resulted in the deaths of two innocent bystanders. A prayer was offered by Praelat Dr. Hoech, who represented Cardinal Doepfner. Two distinguished American artists--soprano Claire Watson and baritone Thomas Carey--sang, the former "I Knew that My Redeemer Liveth" from Handel's Messiah and the latter the Negro spiritual "Balm in Gilead." A string quartet composed of members of the Munich Philharmonic Orchestra opened the hour-long

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service with a Beethoven quartet adagio movement and closed it with the playing of the German and American national anthems.

Upon departing, many of the people who had come stopped in the America House lobby to sign the condolence book. The condolence book had been brought over for this occasion from the Consulate General where more than 3000 persons--including Munich's Lord Mayor Vogel and other prominent local leaders--had signed it and, in numerous instances, inscribed personal messages of sympathy.

The ceremony was reported on by the Bavarian Radio and the three principal Munich newspapers.

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TO : Department of State

INFO : RAWALPINDI, LAHORE, KARACHI, PESHAWAR

FROM : AmConGen DACCA

DATE: June 18, 1968

SUBJECT : EAST PAKISTAN: Condolences for the family of Senator Robert F. Kennedy and Reaction to the Assassination

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In Dacca, messages of condolence for the family of the late Senator Kennedy have generally been in the form of telephonic or personal conversations with ConGen officers. These have been too numerous to record. Most people have expressed shock and dismay at the event and exhibit a genuine concern for the Kennedy family, the victims of so many tragedies. Several letters from private Pakistanis have been received. Unless otherwise instructed, the ConGen will not forward these, one of which was quite derogatory to President Johnson and the American people. Enclosed are two letters received from the Nepalese Consulate General and the Indonesian Consulate requesting that their condolences be extended to the family.

On June 7, the Provincial Assembly of East Pakistan observed two minutes of silence as a token of respect for the late Senator. The Speaker of the Assembly, Abdul Hamid CHOUDHURY made a short speech of condolence at that time. The ConGen has been informed that the Provincial Assembly has passed a resolution of condolence for the family. We have seen no such resolution, although in separate conversations with the Consul-In-Charge and the drafting officer, the Speaker's private secretary promised to forward a printed copy of the resolution forthwith. It is possible that, due to the nationality of the alleged assassin and the speculation about the Senator's pro-Israel remarks as a motive, the Assembly could not agree upon an acceptable message. The text of the Speaker's remarks is therefore enclosed, as we suspect that the "resolution" will be essentially the same. This text was received with the notation that a "printed copy of the same will be sent to be communicated to Mrs. Kennedy." This will be forwarded as soon as it is received.

Enclosures:

1. Text of Bengali-language newspaper editorials.
2. Letters of condolence from Nepalese and Indonesian Consulate Generals.
3. Condolence Speech by Provincial Speaker (Encls. 2 & 3 to Washington only)

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Editorial comment in three papers has been reported in referenced airgram. The reactions in the other East Pakistani papers has been similar with varying degrees of attack on the President, the Pentagon, and the CIA. Overall, the conspiracy syndrome is re-asserting itself here. Most editorials have mentioned at least the possibility of a conspiracy and a Janata "commentator" has "logically" analyzed the rash of recent assassinations, reaching the "unavoidable" conclusion that a conspiracy exists, masterminded by the "multi-millionaire group". Azad decried the attempt to "pin the murder on a foreigner", the Jordanian nationality of the alleged assassin presumably accounting for this reaction. Paigam saw a loss for the fortunes of world peace. Texts of the Bengali language editorials of June 8 are enclosed as well as the translation of an article in the June 9 Janata, concluding the existence of a conspiracy.

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EDITORIAL FROM DAINIK PAKISTAN JUNE 8, 1968

"ROBERT KENNEDY"

"The assassin's bullets have silenced a most promising career. We have no words to console the elder Kennedys, but one thing is certain, that the young Senator's life has been cut short before it could reach its greatest political triumph. No doubt, Senator Kennedy takes his due place in the history of the United States. We pray for the salvation of his soul. The killing of the Kennedys, Malcom X and Martin Luther King represent a very sad aspect of the American life. World reaction to the Kennedy murder has not at all been favorable to the United States. Even the most friendly countries have expressed their concern over this trend in the US. The best reaction has, however, come from the US soldier. We join him praying, "God Save the US"."

EDITORIAL FROM PAIGAM JUNE 8, 1968

"SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY"

"The death of Senator Kennedy signals the death of the growing optimism for peace all over the world. His death is not only a loss of the US, it is a loss for the whole world. The murderers of Lincoln, the Kennedys and Martin Luther King will haunt the thinking of Americans for all time to come. But the question is: Will it be possible to solve the murder? Did Sirhan actually kill Senator Kennedy? The responsibility of answering these very important questions rests with the American people. What the actual effect of the Kennedy murder will be is still premature to speculate. But one thing is certain: the US has lost much of its international respect. Our heart goes out with the Kennedy family. Indeed, the Americans deserve pity."

EDITORIAL FROM AZAD JUNE 8, 1968

"ROBERT KENNEDY"

"The assassination of Robert Kennedy exposes one dark aspect of the American society. Whether there is any link between the murders of John Kennedy, Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy one cannot say, but the latest murder definitely increases the responsibility of the US Government to clear up the situation. The way responsible people have been discarding the possibility of the existence of a conspiracy makes one wonder whether it would be at all possible to find out the truth.

"Attempts are being made to pin the murder on the foreigner. This is a dangerous attempt. This will mislead the people and again it is quite likely that this is an attempt on the part of the Jews to fan up greater hatred against the Arabs among the American people. The murder of Robert Kennedy makes it a moral obligation for the Johnson Administration to clear up the crime. The question before the American people today is whether they will exist as a decent society or plunge into complete lawlessness."

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EDITORIAL FROM JANATA JUNE 8, 1968

"MURDER OF ROBERT KENNEDY"

"There is no doubt that there is a deep political conspiracy behind the murder of Robert Kennedy. The murders of the Kennedy brothers and Luther King are not isolated events. It is no longer a secret affair that the singular or collective conspiracy of Johnson, the war-mongering military circle of the Pentagon, CIA and KKK has created a new horror in the politics of the United States. The secret hands behind these murders will come to light one day."

TEXT OF ARTICLE FROM EDITORIAL FROM JANATA JUNE 9, 1968

"THERE IS A DEEP POLITICAL CONSPIRACY BEHIND THE MURDER OF ROBERT KENNEDY"

"Senator Robert F. Kennedy, the most popular candidate in the impending Presidential election has been killed by an assassin's bullet within five years of the assassination of his brother, President John F. Kennedy. Robert Kennedy has been killed at the age of only 42, when he was at the peak of popularity due to his support for the establishment of peace in Vietnam and equal rights of the Negroes in the US. President John F. Kennedy had to give his life at the age of 48, for the following similar policies. So, there is no doubt that the murder of Senator Robert Kennedy is the result of a deep conspiracy. Today the same question is being asked by every conscious man through out the whole world including the US. Who are the real conspirators in the murder of the Kennedy brothers and what is their motive?

"It will be evident from a careful observation of contemporary events in the US that these murders are prompted by deep political purpose. And the secret hands of organized and powerful conspirators are active behind them. The mystery of the murder of President Kennedy could not be revealed even today, as the conspiring group is very powerful and influential. And for the same reason, the mystery of the murder of Robert Kennedy will not be unveiled.

"It is clearly proved from the recent political events of the US that the monopoly multi-millionaire group is the real guiding factor of the State force there, although the garb of a bourgeois democracy prevails. This group has captured sixty percent of the wealth of their own country. This is the imperialist group of the US and is compelling the US State machinery to follow a war-mongering policy to maintain exploitation and supremacy over the whole world. They have established firm control of the White House besides exploiting the war leaders of the Pentagon to continue imperialist exploitation. And they have built up CIA to conduct these affairs properly. CIA has been carrying on espionage throughout the whole world including the US. And it has been causing the fall of governments of different countries and carrying on political murder wherever necessary. So, today it is as clear as light that there is a deep

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political conspiracy behind the murder of John Kennedy and that of Robert Kennedy, the most popular candidate of the presidential election within four and a half years and that a very powerful group is the leader of these murders.

"It is also difficult to be completely free from doubt about the role of CIA and Lyndon Johnson. For, CIA is the espionage organization, a creation of the monopoly multi-millionaire imperialist group. And Lyndon Johnson is the agent of this group. So, it is not baseless to doubt that there are many things inside these events and many powerful persons and organizations are involved there. For, the time being, these matters will not come to light. But the people will be able to know the real identity of the murderers of the Kennedy brothers one day in the future.

"The political significance of these murders is very meaningful. There is an indication of a big storm in the US. One imperialist fascist force sheltered by the monopoly multi-millionaire group is raising its head there under the garb of bourgeois democracy. On other hand, a revolutionary force is also coming up there. This force is the advocate of peace, freedom and human rights. The struggling Negro mass of the US is the main force of this group. And the peace-loving faction of the white Americans is also part of this group. As a result, a real democratic and peace-loving force is gaining ground quickly in American politics by the side of the imperialist fascist force. Senator Robert Kennedy was the most powerful white spokesman of the democratic and peace-loving force after President John F. Kennedy. So, the interested circle concerned has murdered Robert Kennedy like President Kennedy for obvious reasons."

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER
USHER:

1. QTE Thank you for the thoughtful message of condolence from the Government and people of Ivory Coast on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Your sympathy at this time of national sorrow is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely, Dean Rusk UNQTE

2. Department does not plan ~~xxx~~ to release message, but has no objection to release by Foreign Minister Usher.

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1. Following message has been sent ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
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2. QTE Thank you for your thoughtful message of condolences on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Your sympathy at this time of national sorrow is deeply appreciated.

3. QTE I shall, as you requested, transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Sincerely, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~. ~~UNQTE~~
Acting Assistant Secretary
Quimby. UNQTE.

4. Department does not plan to release foregoing but has no objection should GRB wish do so.

5. Following is English translation of Ambassador Nsanze's message to the Secretary:

6. QTE Profoundly affected by the dastardly assassination of Senator Kennedy, an eminent spokesman for world peace and a great patriot. In the name of the Government of the Republic of Burundi, I send to the Government of the United States and to the stricken family a message of ~~XXXXXXXX~~ sincere condolence. This loss will be deeply felt throughout the world because of Senator Kennedy's fervent devotion to the cause of mankind. Very high consideration. Ambassador Terence Nsanze. UNQTE.

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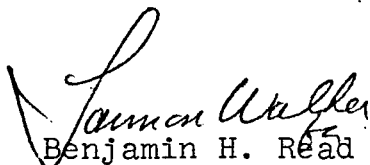
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Telegram of Condolence to the President
From the Shah of Iran on the Death of
Senator Kennedy

In view of the fact that the Shah has visited
Washington and talked with the President since the
Shah's telegram was sent from Addis Ababa, the
Department recommends that no reply to the telegram
be sent.


Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

Copy of Shah of Iran's
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IMPRIORITY THE HONOURABLE LYNDON B. JOHNSON PRESIDENT OF THE
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THE EMPRESS AND I HAVE LEARNED WITH GREAT SORROW OF THE TRAGIC
NEWS OF THE ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. WHILE FULLY
SHARING YOUR GRIEF ON THIS SAD OCCASION WE WISH TO CONVEY TO
YOU MR PRESIDENT AS WELL AS TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE OUR SINCERE
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The Department of State acknowledges the receipt
of Note No. P-8 dated June 6, 1968 from the Embassy
of Japan transmitting the text of a message from
the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan to the
Secretary of State of the United States expressing
sympathy and condolences on the death of Senator
Robert F. Kennedy.

Enclosed is a copy of the Secretary's reply to
the Foreign Minister's letter which the Embassy of
the United States at Tokyo was asked to transmit.

Enclosure:

Secretary Rusk's reply to
Foreign Minister Miki's letter
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The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has shocked and grieved all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy.

Dean Rusk

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FROM : AmConsul Belize City

DATE: June 18, 1968

SUBJECT: Death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy

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The assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy had a strong impact on the people of British Honduras and resulted in messages of sympathy, a special requiem high mass and newspaper editorials.

The Consulate received letters of condolence from the Premier, the leader of the Opposition, the Stann Creek Town Board, the Guatemalan Consul and several individuals. In addition, a number of prominent citizens expressed deep regret over the telephone or in person. Copies of the written expressions of condolence, all of which have been answered, are enclosed.

A requiem high mass at Holy Redeemer Cathedral on June 10 was attended by the Governor, the Premier, members of the cabinet, other high government officials, businessmen, resident Americans, and others. Two Bishops, the Most Rev. Robert Hodapp of Belize and The Most Rev. S.E. Carter of Jamaica celebrated the mass, assisted by eight priests. The Very Rev. Leo Weber, President of St. John's College, preached the sermon.

Press coverage of the assassination was drawn primarily from the Voice of America. In editorial comment, the pro-government Belize Times, besides expressing deep regret, said that the cure for such violence was "the willingness of man to live within the law" -- a message it undoubtedly felt had relevance in Belize following the opposition-led disturbances here in May. The single editorial in the opposition Belize Billboard termed the assassination "a pity" and said it was clear the US was "on the brink of a crisis where its very survival as a democracy

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and as a world power will be at stake." The leader of the opposition directed that the party flag be flown at half mast on Sunday, June 9.

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- Enclosures:
1. card from Mr. and Mrs. G. Boquin
 2. letter from Vilma Metzgen (card attach)
 3. letter from Wilfred Brown
 4. Thermofax copy letter from Premier
 5. letter from Hon. Philip Goldson
 6. 2 Telegram copies from Mayor, Stann Creek
Town Board
 7. letter (and translation) from Coronel Juan
Mauricio Dubois

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